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Anthony Bevins Political Editor

The Prime Minister's office last

night issued an indirect warning

to William Hague that he faces the threat of libel action, fi-

nanced with taxpayers' money,

if he smears Lord Simon of

Highbury outside the Commons.

The Tory allegation is that Lord Simon, the former chair-

man of BP who has become an

unpaid minister, has a conflict

of interest because he holds £2m

worth of BP shares while deal-

ing with matters of interest to BP, like gas liberalisation, in gov-

in savage Commons ex-

changes over Lord Simon on Wednesday, Tony Blair told Mr

Hague that if he believed his

Minister for Trade and Com-

petitiveness in Europe had bro-

ken any rules, "perhaps he

should go outside the House

where it can be properly tested."

The hint that Lord Simon

night bring a private action for

libel was escalated into an un-

precedented threat against the

Tory leader last night, after the Cabinet Office published a new

code of conduct for ministers.

Blair's new administration, raises the possibility of ministers

taking action for defamation,

and a spokesman for the Prime

Minister said last night that the

In a letter to Mr Hague on

Wednesday, passed to The In-

dependent last night, Mr Blair

says: "Instead of hiding behind

parliamentary privilege, you

should be prepared to state your

claims openly and face the full

peat the allegation you made in-

side the House and set out any

evidence you have to support

The new code of conduct re-

peats that ministers occasionally

become engaged in legal pro-

ceedings, "primarily in their personal capacities but in cir-

cumstances which may have

implications for them in their of-

ficial positions. "Defamation

is an example of an area where

proceedings will invariably raise issues for the Minister's official

In all such cases, the code

says, ministers should consult

the Government's Law Officers

as well as private position."

"I therefore invite you to re-

consequences of doing so.

The code, revised by Mr

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Tories told

new code

puts Simon

off limits

WEATHER: Overcasi

Origins of BSE traced to herds of the African plains

Charles Arthur Science Editor

Mad cow disease may have originally been brought to Britain in a shipment of infected animal remains from Africa, according to a growing body of scientific evidence.

Though this contradicts the Government's line, stringently maintained for the past decade, that the disease originated in diseased British sheep which were recycled into cattle feed, it fits a wealth of data which was not available when the diagnosis was first made in 1985.

If correct, it means that many precautions now being taken at great expense by the Government - for example, destroying sheep offal - are unnecessary, because scrapie would not pose a risk to humans or cattle. It also has implications for imports of toodstuffs from foreign countries where unusual diseases may occur, and precautions needed to stop their spread.

But John Wilesmith, the govpinpointed infected cattle feed as the means by which BSE was spreading, said last night: "I think as events have gone on. the scrapie hypothesis still bears the test of time." He added that he was worried that any concentration on alternative sources of the epidemic could distract from introducing controls on recycling animal offal in Europe. "If they aren't, there could be more cases [of BSE],"

Key in the new evidence is a written Parliamentary answer given by the Government vesterday, showing that between 1970 and 1980 the UK imported thousands of tonnes of meat and bone meal from various African countries, including South Africa, south western Africa and Botswana - which has a significant cattle industry. The imports effectively stopped

Previously, scientists have shown that many African game animals such as cheetah, kudu, nyala, gemsbok, eland and orvx can catch BSE - increasing the chance that it originated among them. Some wild animals like elk and deer develop BSE-like diseases spontaneously, but it has never been observed in cattle before the epidemic,

which began in 1985. The new hypothesis will not alter predictions for the final number of people who may die from the "new variant" of



threat could be applied to the Tory attacks on Lord Simon.

Diseases that emerged from the Dark Continent

If BSE really does have its origins in Africa, then it joins a long list of dangerous disease to have emerged from the "dark continent". Among the best known is HIV, the Human Immunodeficiency Virus, which causes Aids. It is widely believed to have been passed to humans by a mutation from SIV, the Simian Immunodeficiency Virus, which is found among monkevs in the central African jungles.

Green monkey disease, or Marburg disease, was identified among workers with monkeys in laboratories, but traced back to their African source. Similarly, Lassa fever, Rift Valley fever and Congo Haemor-

rhagic Fever all originate in Africa. While such exotic diseases can have horrifying effects, they all - with one exception - are self-limiting. Any infectious disease that kills its host rapidly will fail to spread, because the victims will not survive long

enough to transmit it. HIV is the exception, because it takes so long to destroy the body's defences that it can be passed on and infect another per-son while the original host is still alive. But epidemic science suggests that the combination of evolutionary pressure and advancing medical science will eventually tame even this killer from the jungle.

the fatal brain disorder Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD), which has so far affected 19 people. They almost certainly got it by eating BSE-infected cattle products. Other evidence not avail-

able when scrapie, the equiva-

lent in sheep of BSE, was blamed for the epidemic, also points to an origin outside this

Previously, the takeoff of BSE in 1985 was blamed partly on deregulation by the incoming Thatcher government in

1979 of the rendering industry (which strips useful elements from cattle and sheep

It was claimed that rule changes allowed lower cooking temperatures, which did not destroy the BSE disease agent.

That was then fed back to cattle as infected bone meal. But subsequent investigation has shown that rendering practices were unchanged from the late 1960s. Dr Wilesmith agreed: "Rendering hadn't changed -that's rubbish."

Thus the system to "amplify BSE by recycling dead. infected carcasses was in place throughout the 1970s. Yet scrapie-infected sheep were entering the rendering system. If scrapie were the cause of the BSE epidemic, it could have started in the 1970s or early

Other research shows that scrapie has a different molecular "fingerprint" from BSE. And separate studies have shown that cows inoculated with scrapie die of a disease like BSE - but which on detailed examination differs

QUICKLY

More pressure on DPP The Director of Public Prosecutions, Dame Barbara Mills, came under renewed pressure as judges quashed a decision not to prosecute police officers already found by a court to have tortured a suspect. Her department was said to have made a flawed decision. Page5

The Government is considering making it an offence intentionally to infect another person with a disease. The announcement came on the day fisherman Pavios Georgiou

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before consulting their own solicitors - and the Law Officers could take charge of proceedings from the outset. Under those circumstances, the tax-

EVASION

derwrite the minister's costs. That threat was greeted with some caution last night by John Redwood, shadow President of Trade and the man leading the campaign against Lord Simon's position. He told the Independent: "As neither the Leader of the Opposition nor I have smeared Lord Simon, all we've done is to ask a series of questions about how the Government has arranged its affairs in these important matters, I do not really see the point of the

question." He said he did not

any threat being made by the

Earlier in the Commons, however, Mr Redwood had pressed Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, over Lord Simon's alleged conflict of interest, questioning why the BP shares had not been sold.

Mrs Beckett said she and her ministers had answered 58 "nitpicking questions" from Opposition MPs about the issue. "It was plain from the day of Lord Simon's appointment," she said, "that he would not be able to deal and would not deal with matters which related directly to BP, or indeed matters in which BP has a competitive

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advantage. That is quite clear." She said Lord Simon could not have sold his shares because such an action would have amounted to illegal insider trading, and Whitehall sources said last night that Lord Simon had been given that advice when he took office in May.

Mr Redwood said it was curious that the government line about insider trading should have emerged for the first time this week - it had not been mentioned in any of Mrs Beckett's many replies before yesterday.

He also attacked the publication of the ministerial code of conduct as a smokescreen; an attempt to divert attention from the Government's problem.

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It'll be good to talk, shop, or bank with the mobile of the future

Charles Arthur Science Editor

It's a video-camera, television. home shopping and Internet terminal; certainly not anything as ordinary as a phone. But that's what the mobile phone of the next century will be like. Barbara Roche, the trade and industry minister, predicted vesterday.

The shape of phones to come was sketched out by Ms Roche as she unveiled the third wave of licensing for parts of the radio spectrum, to create a new range of high-tech services.

Many digital mobile phones are already able to send and receive data, and at least one already has an integral keyboard and small liquid crystal screen digital phones, which followed so that users can access the In- early in the 1990s.

But the new phones, which will exploit improving digital technology and completely replace the old, analogue variety receiving device, sending mesfirst introduced in the 1980s, are sages and images around the expected to offer the same world. sound quality as landline telephones. That should mean that the crackles and interference which still plague analogue mo-

ternet from almost anywhere.

bile phones will be a problem Since their introduction, mobile phones have enjoyed almost uninterrupted growth - apart from one hiccup when the previous government licensed an analogue system which could send but not receive calls.

It was a commercial failure.

as consumers waited for better

A number of companies are believed to be working on systems that will beam broadcasts from mobile phones up to a The new services, called Uni-

versal Mobile Telephone Services, should also allow users access to faster e-mail, video conferencing, mobile electronic banking and databases from their mobile handset.

Ms Roche said Europe had led the world in the development of mobile phone technology and Britain was at the forefront of this research. Licences for the new bandwaves are expected to be auc-

tioned off before April 1999

with services coming on line



Chatterbox: Soon it will be

Aids fisherman jailed was jailed by a Cypriot court for 15 months for knowingly infecting his British lover, Janette Pink, with the Aids virus.

Tracey Whalin, a 33-year-old housewife, appeared in court yesterday accused of abducting a child and of indecently assaulting him. The 33-year-old housewife, of Bilborough, Nottingham, was accused of indecently assaulting a male person under 16 between I April 1996 and 15 July 1997. A further charge read out at Nottingham magistrates' court alleged she took a child aged under 16 from the lawful control of his guardian on 14 July this year. Peter Nuthall, the stipendiary magistrate, granted bail to Ms Whalin, who was brought back from Florida on Wednesday, on condition she does not contact the child involved in the

proceedings or his family, either by phone, letter or by visits. She must live at a hostel, which was not named in court, and was told she cannot enter Nottinghamshire accept to answer her bail on 25 September. A further bail condition is that Ms Whalin, who has surrendered her passport to police, does not apply for another

EU gives £10m to urban blackspots

A £10m grant for urban blackspots in Brighton, Bristol, Coventry and Merseyside was announced yesterday by the European Union Commission.

The funds will help thousands of people living in areas plagued by severe unemployment, poverty, crime, low levels of education, poor housing and inadequate social and community facilities. Brighton, Bristol and Coventry will each get £3m of EU cash, with public and private funds boosting the total package to £20m. Merseyside, which has already received nearly £12m in EU grants for deprived areas, gets another £1.5m. The grant aims to regenerate disadvantaged areas by making them safer and more pleasant places to live and work, boosting business confidence and setting up job-creation schemes.

Marilyn: What a doil!



Marilyn Monroe, the Hollywood legend, will become the new face of Barbie to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the actress's death on 4 August.

The limited edition of Barbie is the latest in the Hollywood Legends series, targeted at the adult market. "The [doll] will have nostalgic appeal, and we expect her to be popular," said spokeswoman for Barbie. "Barbie is all set to pay homage

to one of the world's timeless icons." The doll can be dressed in three of Monroe's most glamorous gowns, including those which helped make her famous in Gentlemen Prefer Blondes and The Seven Year Itch. Barbie Marilyn will be available in shops from September, price £55.

Mother wins right to name son

A legal battle between the unmarried parents of a 16-month-old boy, over whose surname he should be given, ended yesterday in victory for the mother.

The boy, Alexander, was born in March last year just days before his parents. Dawn Wearmouth and Mark Dawson, from Somerset, separated. His mother registered the birth in her ex-husband Tony's name, Wearmouth, which she and her two children from the marriage still use. But Mr Dawson argued that, although Alexander lived with his mother, the child should take his father's name rather than that of a man to whom he was not related. He launched legal proceedings and obtained a ruling in his favour at Taunton County Court in January. Yesterday the Court of Appeal allowed a challenge by the mother, ruling that the choice of her own name was "perfectly logical and natural".

Verdict guashed on child's death

The family of a 23-month-old boy who died during surgery after being shuttled between four hospitals in eight hours yesterday succeeded in their bid to quash an inquest jury's verdict that he died from "natural causes"

But Mr Justice Kay, at the High Court, refused to substitute a finding of death by accident/misadventure, or to remit the case for a fresh inquest. There was an outcry when the jury returned the 8-1 majority verdict on Robert Benton, who died in the Heartlands Hospital, Birmingham, in June 1995 after falling ill with a chest infection, in April last year. Lawyers for his mother, Julie Benton, 24, and his father, Timothy Dawes, 33, from Rowley Regis, Warley, West Midlands, argued that there had been a misdiagnosis during emergency treatment, and the jury should have been allowed to consider a verdict of misadventure or lack of care.

MPs lose bid to tax parking

Ainisters have rejected a proposal from MPs for a tax on car parking at out-of-town shopping and leisure centres. Responding to an Environment Committee report on the threats that out of town development poses to existing city and town centres, the Department of the Environment said it wanted to continue with the last Government's policies, which make it much harder for developers to get permission to develop superstores and malls on greenfield sites than was the case in the Eighties. Nicholas Schoon

Police launch drug-driving survey

The first survey of drug-driving in the UK is to be launched today by a Scottish police force. It is hoped that the study, to be carried out in the Strathchyde police force area, will result in improved methods of roadside detection. Drivers pulled in will be asked a series of questions and to perform various exercises but no charges will be pressed. A police spokesman said: "The hope is that by upgrading the ability of police officers to spot the tell-tale signs, such as eye reflex movements, they will be able to detect offenders

Normal weather resumes

While large parts of Europe are flooded, the weather in England and Wales is back to normal. Yesterday the Met Office said the July just ended had had 50 mm of rain - slightly less than the month's long-term average. Temperature and hours of sunshine were both slightly above average.

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The Prodigy: How we plan to destroy ourselves

ould-be teenage rock stars, idly strumming guitars in bedrooms across the land, might dream of becoming bigger stars than Ossis, but The Prodigy are so afraid of overtaking the boys from Manchester that they plan to self-destruct.

The band are currently at the top of the album chants around the world, but band-member Elam Howlett said. yesterday he had deliberately set out to destroy their popularity with their new single, the provocatively fi-tled Smack My Bitch Up and a quote from Herman Goening on the album sleev

The album, The Fat of the Land, has hit number one in 22 countries - including the US where it knocked the ubiquitous Spice Girls off the top - and is widely tipped to win the prestiglous Mercury Music Prize, dubbed the Booker of the music industry, ladeed, the Essex band are at the cutting edge of the wave of British electronic music that is being eagerty hoovered up by American youngsters.

Keith Flint, the frontman, who sports a spiky fluorescent green hairdo, is a teenage favourité because his agressive stage persona means he is "hated by all parents". Howlett, the musician behind the band's furious sound, admitted the single would be "self-destructive". But said he wanted to discourage casual is termed that The Prod overtake Oasis in the popularity stakes.

"My dad likes Casis. We have to be something that about the band being overexposed."
people dislike," he told Select magazine yesterday.

Kate

US astronaut

told she is too

short for space

Pity poor Wendy Lawrence. Hav-

ing studied and trained for most of

her 38-year life to be an astronaut,

she failed at the last hurdle - on a technicality. At 5ft 3in, she was

Just days before Ms Lawrence,

an American, was due to blast off

for the crippled space station Mir

she was stood down because of

by the rather taller David Wolf.

along with two Russian astronauts,

her height. She has been replaced

The decision came so late that

Ms Lawrence had already given a

press conference, partly in Russian, in which she had expressed

her all-American confidence in her

ability to discharge her responsi-

bilities, the feasibility of the sal-

vage operation that she and the

crew were to perform on Mir, and

in the bright future for Russian-

American co-operation in space.

It was only hours later that

of Mir. all three astronauts in the

Usually only two of the three

equipped for space-walking. Mir

Russian specifications, and any-

one who steps or floats outside

has to wear a Russian "Orlan"

spacesuit that will connect with

was built by the Russians, to

to walk in space to repair the

crew members need to be

new crew will have to be prepared

Because of the precarious state

NASA decreed that she would

have to be replaced.

Spektr module.

the Mir technology.

her "big desire" to go to space,

judged too short.

"I'm not doing another album. There isn't another Prodigy album. I went through so much pressure. I don't want to go through that again."

In the same article, Flint said he was worned about his colleague's reluctance to revel in the limelight. "If he turned round and said, "There's no more Proci-gy, there's no more touring, that would be scary, because what am I going to do then?" he said.

"it's not like i'll go and get another job.

Despite the inevitable controversy which will follow Smack My Bitch Up, Howlett insisted it did not advocate beating up women. "it's an answer to the people who thought that Firestarier [the band's first British No 1] was about start-

ing fires. They've got to get the irony in the songs," The Goering quote ("Would you rather have butter than guns?") was "obviously not a Nazi thing," he said, because the Prodigy has two black members, Maxim

Those of a cynical disposition would view these remarks as attempt to create publicity and stir up de mand for the "last ever" album.

But a spokesman for the Prodigy's record label, Beggars Banquet, said: "If you knew Liam you would know that's not the ca

"He's always been anxious to the point of paranoia

Kate Watson-Smyth

Baby makes medical history after operation

A baby born safely after he was diagnosed with a brain haemorrhage while still in the womb has made medical history by being the first child to survive such a condition. Dylan Harris, described by his

parents, David and Vickie, as a "little fighter" underwent brain surgery when he was three-daysold after a routine scan carried out at Arrowe Park Hospital, Wirral showed he had a rare subdural haemorrhage - a blood clot between the brain and skull.

Dylan's diagnosis in the womb, believed to be the earliest recorded, enabled doctors to order a rare magnetic resonance imaging scan which confirmed the clot. Ross Welch, consultant obstetrician. said he had consulted colleagues in London and abroad after spotting the rare clot on the scan.

There was no doubt in my mind that it was a clot, but it was very difficult to know the best treatment." he said. Dylan, whose head had swelled

dangerously from 8cm to 11cm, was delivered by Caesarean section at 34 weeks and prepared for emergency surgery.

"The worse part was when I had to get him baptised the night before his operation, because we were told he might not pull through," said Mr Harris.

Neurosurgeon Paul May, of Alder Hey Children's Hospital, Liverpool, performed the life-saving craniotomy to drain the clot from Mary Dejevsky, Washington Dylan's brain. Glenda Cooper

briefing

Big increase in number of teenage drug deaths

A dramatic rise in deaths among teenage drug abusers is reported by doctors today. Between 1985 and 1995, overall drug deaths among youngsters aged 15 to 19 increased by 8 per cent a year, their research showed. During this period, 436 teenagers died accidentally from drug poisoning – 303 of them male and 133

The biggest killers were opiates, like heroin, which accounted for 21 per cent of the deaths. Deaths from these drugs soared by an average 27 per cent a year during the 11-year period.

Between 1985 and 1989, 17 teenagers died from taking opiates and related narcotics. In the four years between 1991 and 1995, this

Death rates from other mind-altering drugs, such as ecstasy, increased by 23 per cent a year between 1985 and 1995. From 1985 to 1989 there were eight deaths in this category, but from 1991 to 1995 there were 32.

The figures, published in the British Medical Journal, emerged from a study led by Dr Ian Roberts from the Institute of Child Health, London. The researchers examined records of deaths obtained from the Office for National Statistics. Glenda Cooper

ALCOHOL

Cut your drinking – keep a diary

People who fear they may be drinking too much should avoid buying rounds in the pub and keep a diary to record their weekly alcohol intake, a new guide advises today. More than one in 20 people in England are "problem drinkers"

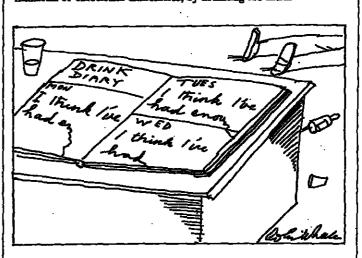
regularly drinking more than the recommended amount, binge-drinking at the weekend or drinking to prevent withdrawal symptoms, according to the Health Education Authority and Alcohol Concern.

To help them cut down, the partnership has launched a guide called Say When ... How Much is Too Much? which spells out the health, social and financial benefits of drinking less, and offers 10

practical tips on tackling the problem.

They include setting a limit and keeping to it by keeping a drink diary, not reaching for the bottle to help you relax, skipping rounds in the pub and buying half pints instead of pints.

According to the organisations, 2.68 million people in England could be putting their health at risk, as well as getting into financial or emotional difficulties, by drinking too much.



HEALTH

Insulin risk to unborn babies

Pregnant women with insulin-dependent diabetes have a tenfold increased risk of bearing children with congenital abnormalities. says a clinical study published today. Their babies are also five times more likely than normal to be stillborn, according to the

Doctors from Liverpool University examined data on 462 pregnancies in 355 women with insulin-dependent diabetes (IDD) between 1990 and 1994.

The women were from 10 maternity units in Cheshire, Lancashire and Merseyside, which had no regional guidelines for the management of pregnancy in diabetic women.

Of the pregnancies, 78 (17 per cent) aborted spontaneously, nine (2 per cent) resulted in stillbirth, and 24 (5 per cent) were terminated. Of the terminations, nine were for congenital Writing in the British Medical Journal, the authors said the

problems could be reduced by good management of blood sugar levels before and at the time of conception. They added: "The challenge remains to implement this on a population

The researchers, led by Dr Gillian Hawthorne from Hartlepool General Hospital, wrote: "Though two thirds of the pregnancies were planned by the mother, most women had not established good diabetic control before conception.

"Preconceptual care reduces major congenital malformations and the spontaneous abortion rate."

TRANSPORT

Driving a company car? Pull over ...

More than half of company car drivers are putting lives at risk by not taking essential breaks on long journeys, a survey claims. Nearly two in three also fail to check tyre pressures and 10 per cent never check oil levels, the survey from vehicle management company Lease Plan also found.

It added that 52 per cent of company car drivers covering long distances on a regular basis did not stop for breaks as they should do every two hours.

"Statistics show that 25 per cent of all motorway accidents are fatigue-related, showing that it is critical for even the most experienced drivers to stop for a break during long journeys," said Lease Plan commercial director Steve Dunn.

"Company car drivers are typically high mileage drivers and consequently more likely to be involved in an accident. Therefore. attention to safety and maintenance is absolutely necessary."



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Unfortunately for Ms Lawrence.

Russian spacesuits come in a one-

size-fits-ail (Russians). She would

have been floating inside the suit

That, at least, is the story told

by the Americans. They said it was

and claimed they hadn't been told,

that Ms Lawrence was stood down

Ms Lawrence has had bad luck

with Mir. She was initially rejected

press conference, she managed to

There was a lingering suspicion

from a prospectively dangerous

journey for some other reason.

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knock the model of Mir off the

table - not the best omen

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gets easier as politicians take time out

Kim Sengupta and Louise Hancock

It's end of term time at Westminster, and MPs-no doubt exhausted by the gruelling labours of the last few months-are heading off on holiday to recharge their batteries for the next session.

As they gather up their beach towels and sun block, their Michelin guides and Italian and French phrasebooks, new Labour MPs can jet off relaxed in the knowledge that the immediate future belongs to them. The Tories know that the break will be followed by a long struggle to find a way out of the political wilderness.

The Prime Minister and his family are off tomorrow for a 10-day break at the villa of the Paymaster General, Geoffrey Robinson, in San Gimignano, Tuscany, where they went last year. The 10-acre estate, worth £3m, is said to provide just the right amount of luxury without being vulgar. The facilities include a 45ft swimming pool and a floodlit tennis court.

Also going to Tuscany is the employment minister, Andrew Smith, while the Culture Secretary, Chris Smith, is already in northern Italy. And it is not just British social democrats who are tempted by Chiantishire; Lionel Jospin, who led the Centre-Left to power in France after Mr Blair is due to stay in Siena.

Bucking the trend is Employment Secretary David Blunkett, who will be holidaving at his usual venue, northern Majorca - held by those in the know to be the real' Majorca. "The problem with Tuscany," Mr Blunkett declared, "is that you keep meeting ministers." One he may not be able to avoid, however, is his colleague Gavin Strang, the transport minister, who is also Majorca bound.

John Prescott, however, is having no truck with foreign jaunts. A spokesman for the Deputy Prime Minister said: "He has no plans to be out of the country in August and he will keep working.

Where they go

the Health Secretary, who is taking a cot-tage holiday in Northern England, and the Secretary of State for Wales, Ron Davies, who will be loyal to the principality and take his vacation there. And after a burst of statesmanship abroad, Foreign Secretary Robin Cook says he is happy to relax in the

New Forest in Hampshire. France is where Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, will be taking his break, as will Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, who will be on a caravan trip with husband Leo.

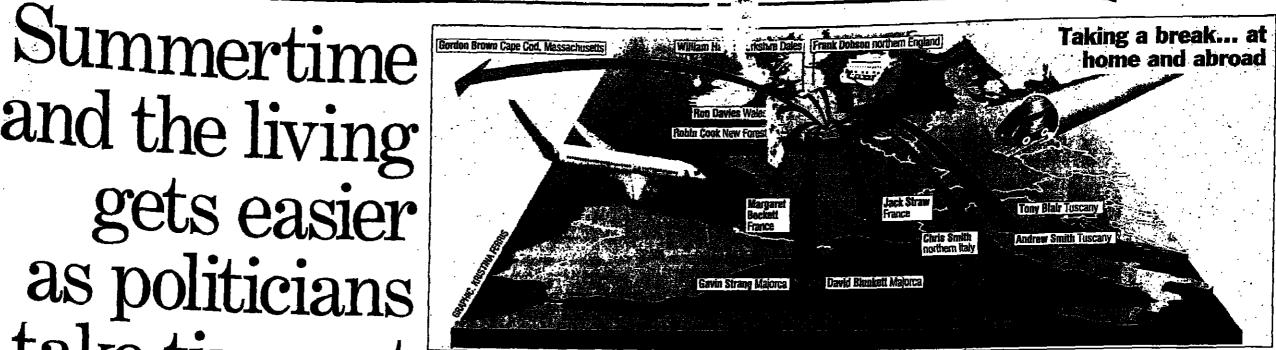
Gordon Brown, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, is going to Cape Cod in Massa-chusetts. But will be be taking his fiancée Sarah Macauley? The response from spokesman Charles Whelan was: " None of your business",

New Conservative leader William Hague was not so coy. His fiancée Ffion Jenkins will be most definitely at his side when he goes walking in the Yorkshire Dales before a trip to the US.

Then he will be on a tour of the country to spread his message of reform in the party", said a Central Office spokesman. Peter Lilley, who lost out in the leadership contest to Mr Hague will be joining his wife at their home in France where she spends much of her time. The couple will then drive down to "somewhere in the cen-

tre of Italy". The former agriculture minister Douglas Hogg will be trying to forget the savaging he took over his handling of the BSE crisis by climbing at the Aletsch Glacier in the Alps. He says he has set a target of scaling five 4,000 metre peaks.

The Liberal Democrat leader, Paddy Ashdown, will be visiting his new grandson in Sens, near Auxerre, before going on to the family cottage in Burgundy for three weeks. A party spokesman said: "He was a man of action once, of course; now he





Time out: Tony Blair (left), relaxing in Italy with two of his three children; the Conservative leader, William Hague, will this year be heading to the Yorkshire Dales and then to the United States

The rich and famous who jet off to sunnier climes

Many of the rich and famous prefer to take their holiday later in the year, particularly in winter, when the rest are coping with the British weather.

Mick Jagger and Jerry Hall are expected to be dropping in and out of Martinique and St Lucia later in

Dame Judi Dench has already been to Barbados with her family and are expected to return their sometime later this vear. Fellow thespian Michael Palin is in central France for a week.

Helena Kennedy, QC, one of the stars of the criminal bar, and friend of the Blairs has gone on a tour of the US East Coast with her family. While the writer and broadcaster Henry Kelly is in Tuscany and Umbria with his family for two

Oasis are promoting their latest single. and are said to be too busy to go on holiday. They are expected to take a break in the sun after finishing gigs in September. Their Britpop rivals,



Caribbean-bound: Mick Jagger



Off to Barbados: Dame Judi Dench

state that they too are so busy that they cannot take a break. Jon Bon Jovi, the former wild child of rock" says he is content to have a brief break with his family in New Jersev in between filming.
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Trainspotting and singles sex instead of Trollope



reflect changes in the House



Transport Correspondent

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MPs who choose to fly to their holiday des-

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try this summer, many airlines are keen to

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They choose less Trollope, more Irvine Welsh. The reading habits of the new crop of MPs say as much about the changed face of the Commons

as any parliamentary profile. Welsh's seedy tale of Scottish drug life, Trainspotting, is one of the favourite books among the new generation. While Margaret Atwood did not even make it into the list last year, her novel Alias Grace is a winner this time. And the popularity of The Independent's own Bridget iones - as told in the book form of her diary - may point to the relative youth of the

new Westminster intake. Dillons the Bookstore wrote to all 659 MPs and 160 replied. "Clearly this is a House that's committed to books and to reading," said Findley Caldwell, the store's

marketing director. Mentions of Williams Burroughs, Will Self and even the Fulham football club 1996/7 yearbook mark a radical departure, although the Bible re-

. For those waiting at departure

gates, expect a long(ish) delay

How they get there

San Francisco service - £875 return - suf-

fered an average delay of 58 minutes in

March. The figures are revealed in a survey by Business Traveller of scheduled carriers last March, the latest figures available.

a shortage of planes. "We had a problem

earlier this year because we were expect-

ing additional aircraft but they did not arrive until this May," said a spokesman. The airline said that in March only 30 per cent

of planes on London to San Francisco flew

on time - that figure was now 56 per cent

Not all the news was bad. BA did run the third most punctual route from Britain. Its

Heathrow to Pisa service - the gateway to

Tuscany – only incurred an average delay

of three minutes. The airline said that there

was room for improvement and blamed "a

Virgin said its problems were caused by

What they read

even greater margin. As for holiday reading, a mixed liter-ary delight of Bill Bryson's Notes From a Small Island, Ed-ward Rutherford's London, Eric Hobsbawm and books by Ken Follett will be in suitcases across the country as the Commons breaks for the summer.

Alan Clark, Kensington and Chelsea's Tory MP, has just started Max Egremont's biography of Edward Spears. "It's a marvellous book, very pleasing and very vividly written." He never reads novels and plans to take James Lees-Milne's new volume of diaries on holiday.

Barbara Follett, credited

with Labour's sartorial makeover, will read the first draft of Out of the Mouth of the Dragon, the new novel by her husband, Ken. Gary Streeter. Tory spokesman on European affairs, is taking his new post seriously. He has "various books on the European Union" to tackle. And Ben Bradshaw, the new MP for Exeter, intends to track down

a book on the American Civil War whose title eludes him. 'I haven't had any time to

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think of any other reading I've been so busy," he said. Dr Evan Harris, Liberal Democrat MP for Oxford West and Abingdon, is a Bridget Jones fan: "It's just so funny and all my friends relate to it." Keith Vaz, Labour MP for Leicester East, plans to read Primary Colors, the controver-sial novel of sex and politics

broadly based on President

Clinton's election campaign Meanwhile, Sir Richard Body, the man synonymous with "the flapping of white coats" in John Major's phrase, will be writing a book of his own - on England and Englishness. So his holiday reading will comprise a few

histories of the nation. Yet the lists would be quite different if the MPs took any notice of their friends. Asked what they have been urged to read and not got round to yet Will Hutton's economic treatise. The State We're In, came top of the list. And you thought it was required new

variety of reasons including late connect-

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All-out strike threatened for rail network

Barrie Clement Labour Editor

Turny Blair faces the prospect of a nationwide rail strike in the run-up to the Labour Party conference in October, which threatens to cause the most serious disruption to commuters since the signalworkers' dispute in 1994.

Leaders of the biggest rail union yesterday called strike ballots among 6,000 guards at 20 train operating companies covering around 85 per cent of the network.

Leaders of the RMT union are angry over proposals which will allegedly "downgrade" the job of guard to "salesperson" who will be given a minimal degree of technical training.

Jimmy Knapp, general secretury of the union, argued that the companies wanted to ap-point guards for their "looks" and ability to sell to passengers rather than their operational and safety knowledge. "We will end up with the best looking staff in the world and one of the least safe railways," he said. In the wake of the plan by the

Great Eastern to employ commuters as part-time guards, the RMT believes its campaign of action would attract substantial public support.

Only five out of the 25 train operating companies through-out Britain are exempt from the strike ballots. The RMT has elicited guarantees over safety from North London Railways and the union has agreed driver-only operation with four Thameslink, the others: Chiltern Line, West Anglia Great Northern and the Island Line on the Isle of Wight.

Elsewhere, however, the union believes any action would be highly disruptive because more than nine out of ten guards are RMT members. The union is due over the next 10 days to decide on the exact nature of the action, but it is likely to be in the form of 24-hour

Last April, the union sought assurances from the train operators that they would not dilute safety standards in the drive for profitability. Only North London Railways gave a reply which satisfied the union.

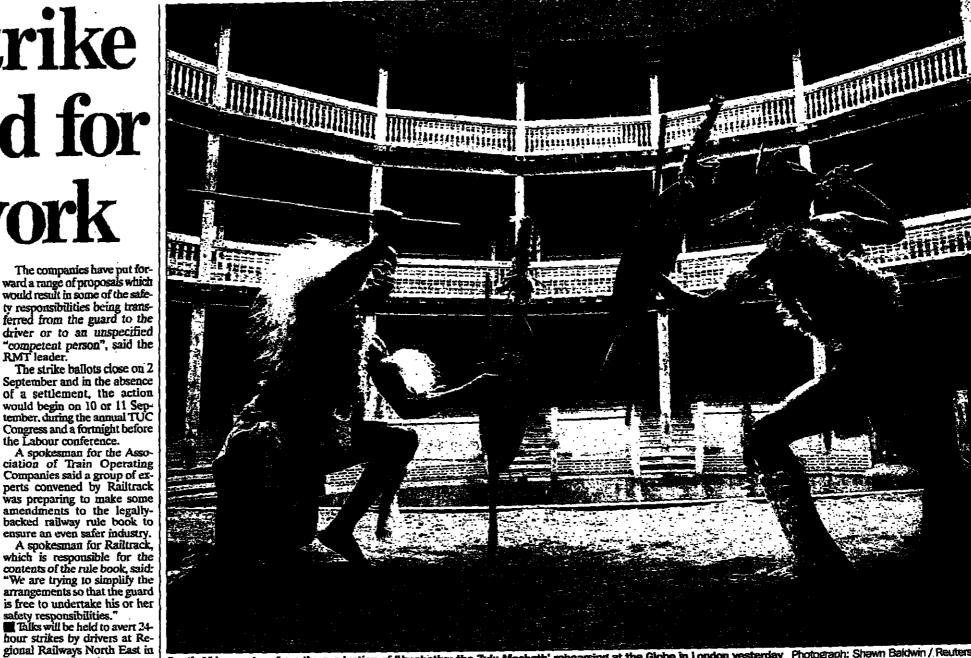
The companies have put forward a range of proposals which would result in some of the safety responsibilities being transferred from the guard to the driver or to an unspecified "competent person", said the RMT leader.

The strike ballots close on 2 September and in the absence of a settlement, the action would begin on 10 or 11 Sep-tember, during the annual TUC Congress and a fortnight before the Labour conference.

A spokesman for the Association of Train Operating Companies said a group of experts convened by Railtrack was preparing to make some amendments to the legally-backed railway rule book to ensure an even safer industry. A spokesman for Railtrack.

We are trying to simplify the arrangements so that the guard is free to undertake his or her safety responsibilities." Talks will be held to avert 24hour strikes by drivers at Regional Railways North East in

protest at working hours.



South African actors from the production of 'Umabatha: the Zulu Macbeth' rehearsing at the Globe in London yesterday Photograph: Shawn Baktwin / Reuters

Spanish fishing court victory

DAILY POEM

Patricia Wynn Davies Legal Affairs Editor

Spanish owners of more than 100 fishing vessels got the go-ahead yesterday to claim millions of pounds in compensation for being illegally barred

from "quota hopping".
Three judges ruled in the High Court that the UK's breaches of European law. which prevented the Spanish operators fishing against the UK quota, were sufficiently serious to give rise to liability for damages. The UK taxpayer will have to pick up the bill.

But the judges refused to allow a claim for punitive damages. rejecting the accusation that the former Conservative government had acted in had faith or arbitrarily when drawing up restrictions on British registra-tions of Spanish vessels in the deciding whether to appeal.

Braveheart

By John Davies

Stranded in middle age,

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or where (I have the legs)
I'd find a bullfighter's cape.

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he couldn't decide, Doug from Carolina. of Welsh and Scots ancestry.

In a landmark case brought by one of the operators, Factoriame Limited, in 1992, the European Court of Justice ruled that the nationality conditions in the Act were inconsistent with EU treaty obligations on free movement of labour and capital. A total of 97 owners and managers of 107 vessels stand to gain from yesterday's ruling. Patrick Stewart, secretary of the Clyde Fishermen's Association, blamed the incompetence of the previous government but said the agreement secured by Labour at the Amsterdam summit would not help the situation. He predict-

crease in quota-hopping. A Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food spokesman said officials would study the

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Pressure mounts on beleaguered DPP

Mills rebuked for third time in a week over failure to bring charges against police

Patricia Wynn Davies Legal Affairs Editor

The Director of Public Prosecutions came under renewed pressure vesterday as judges quashed a decision not to prosecute police officers already found by a court to have tortured a suspect.

It was the third judicial review case within a week in which the DPP, Dame Barbara Mills, and the Crown Prosecution Service, have been found to have mishandled cases of death or illtreatment in custody.

Lord Justice Rose and Mr Justice Jowitt said Dame Barbara's department had made a "flawed" decision not to prosecute four former members of the now disbanded West Midlands Serious Crime Squad.

The case was brought by Derek Treadaway, whom another judge, Mr Justice McKinnon, had already awarded £50,000 in damages in a civil claim for battery. Mr Justice McKinnon found on a high degree of probability" that officers had obtained a confession to robbery by subjecting Mr Treadaway to torture through suffocating him with plastic bags.

COMMITTY GUARANTEE



Under fire: Dame Barbara Mills, whose department's decision not to bring charges against four policemen who tortured a suspect was found to be flawed Photograph: Kalpesh Lathigra

The DPP and CPS must now reconsider whether to prosecute the four officers - Det Supt John Brown, Det Insp Timothy Russell, Det Sgt Alan Pickering and Det Insp James Price. If the

rethink leads to a prosecution. it will be the first time that any officer from the discredited squad has faced charges in the criminal courts. The CPS decided in August

1995 that there was insufficient evidence to provide a realistic prospect of conviction. The decision was taken by a senior legal assistant, Martin Martyn-Woodnutt, who has since re- idence ... in my view he was ex-

tired. He had concluded: "I do tremely lucky to succeed in the not think that the principal allegation that Treadaway was tortured has any substantial support, there is no medical ev-

civil claim. The evidence obviously came across in his favour, but on a much lower standard than we would require."

That approach was rejected

as unreasonable and unlawful by the judges yesterday, who said Mr Justice Mckinnon's judgment required a "most careful analysis", which it did not receive. The judges said the complaints process."

conclusions "demonstrate, repeatedly, a flawed approach", and a breach of the Code of Practice for Crown Prosecutors. There was medical evidence ... Mr Justice McKinnon's conclusions were manifestly not reached on a 'much lower stan-

dard' of proof," they said. Mr Martyn-Woodnutt's decision was confirmed last year by Brandon Longden, a solicitor in the Central Casework Division, and Graham Martin, an Assistant Chief Crown Prosecutor, who was also involved in the two death-in-custody cases that Dame Barbara conceded last week. The judges ruled that the later decision relied sig-nificantly on the earlier one, and was equally flawed.

A CPS spokeswoman said: "We are obviously concerned that there seems to be a flaw in the decision-making process and we will reconsider this decision."

Raju Bhatt, Mr Treadaway's solicitor, said: "In Mr Treadaway's case, as in the case of Lapite and O'Brien last week, the decision makers have appeared intent on seeking ex-

cuses not to prosecute.
"It is now imperative that Judge Butler's inquiry into that decision-making process should examine the handling of all complaints against police as well as deaths in police and prison custody.

Ultimately, what is in issue is the absence of will to bring police officers to account to the rule of law - an absence of will at every level within the police

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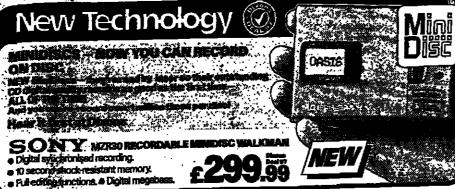
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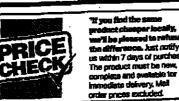
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Straw orders Lawrence inquiry lenging them to sue for libel if lason Bennetto going investigation by Kent pomissioner of the Metropolitan the inquiry team will also identify what lessons can be learned

Crime Correspondent

The inquiry into the murder of black teenager Stephen Lawrence, announced yesterday, will have wide-raging implications for how the police and courts deal with racially motivated crime.

The inquiry will be given powers last used in Lord Scarman's 1981 inquiry into the Brixton riots. It will examine the events surrounding the stabbing of the 18-year-old student while he was waiting for a bus in Eltham, south-east London.

for the investigation and prosecution of racially motivated crime. Such an inquiry, which will question the role of the police, Crown Prosecution Service, and courts, was not expected. Mr Lawrence's father Neville welcomed the announcement as

a "step in the right direction". Headed by the former High Court judge Sir William Mac-Pherson of Cluny, the inquiry has been given the power to summon any person or obtain any documents. Refusal to testify would be contempt of court. The inquiry is expected to last

lice, supervised by the Police Complaints Authority, into the handling of the case by the Metropolitan police is completed. The inquiry is expected to ex-

secution for lack of evidence, and a private prosecution collapsed because of insufficient evthe evidence of a key witness. Last February, an inquest

Straw, the Home Secretary, said begin in October, when an on-men as Stephen's killers, chal-

amine the role of the police after the CPS discontinued a proidence and the inadmissibility of

jury returned a verdict that Stephen had been unlawfully killed in an unprovoked racist attack by five white youths. After the inquest ruling, the Dai-hy Mail named the five young

the paper was wrong.
In March, the Lawrence family made an official complaint

over the way police investigated the murder, claiming they did not take it seriously. Neville Lawrence said yesterday: "We are happy with what we have got today, but we have waited four years for this." Imran Khan, the Lawrence

family solicitor, said: "Had the police in this case investigated as they should have done, we would not have needed to be sithave a nu Sir Paul Condon, the Com- justice system.

Police and offered his full support to the inquiry.

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Other members of the inquiry team are: Thomas Cook, formerly deputy chief constable of West Yorkshire; the Rt Rev John Sentamu, Bishop of Stepney; and Dr Richard Stone. chairman of the Jewish Council for Racial Equality. Mr Straw said: "I believe this

inquiry ... will allow the concerns of the Lawrence family and others to be fully addressed and will identify the lessons to ting here and we would not have be learned from this tragic case had to have knocked on the which will be relevant to the fu-Home Secretary's door in order ture handling of racially moti-

Douglas family denied inquest

The family of Wayne Douglas a burglary suspect whose death in police custody triggered a rioi, failed in a High Court bid yesterday to win a fresh inquest. A judge ruled that, even though the inquest jury had not been properly directed by the

coroner when it returned an accidental death verdict, the same verdict would have been reach ed if the directions had been givел соггесцу. The judge's decision was a

blow to Lisa Douglas-Williams, sister of the dead man. She led the fight to quash the jury's eight to one majority verdict in December last year that the 25 year-old unemployed man died accidentally following his arrest by police in a late-night chase through the back streets of Brixton, south London. Douglas was held face down

with hands cuffed behind his back on four separate occasions on the night of his arrest for alleged aggravated burglary. He was suspected of robbing

a young couple at knifepoint in their home and was arrested after being cornered in a children's playground.

Douglas's death in December 1995 led to widespread riots in Brixton which caused damage costing more than £1m. Douglas's family accused

coroner Sir Montague Levine of misdirecting the jury at Southwark, south London, and failing to give a proper explanation of the law, which could have led to a verdict of unlawful killing. Lawyers argued such a verdict

could have been returned on the basis that the police officers involved in the arrest were guilty of manslaughter through committing an unlawful act or through gross negligence. Mr Justice Laws agreed the

coroner's summing up had been unclear" and the jury not properly directed as to a possible verdict of unlawful killing. Rejecting the request for a

fresh hearing, the judge said that, on analysis, "there was not in my judgment evidence upon which a properly directed jury could have found 'unlawful act' manslaughter. As regards gross negligence ... the evidence was at very best extremely tenuous."

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Number 10 tightens grip on ministers

Anthony Bevins Political Editor

An iron New Labour discipline is imposed on Ministers by Number 10 in new Whitehall rules published last night.

The old Questions of Proce-dure for Ministers published by John Major were relatively slack in the control they exerted over Ministers in their relationship with the media.

ish nature of the Conservative Government's disciplinary machinery. Number 10, it was explained, was acting with the professionalism that should be expected of the New Labour

Under the old rules, for example, it was suggested that when Ministers were invited "by the broadcusting authorities" to over Ministers in their relagive an interview on radio or contacts between Ministers and into.

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presentation of Government events, including lunch. policies, Ministers should ensure that No 10 Press Office is informed of their intentions.

This will enable them to use broadcasting opportunities to best advantage and to avoid duplication with colleagues." The gentle and rather diffi-

dent nature of that suggestion has now been replaced by a blanket demand that includes all

The new Ministerial Code: A Code of Conduct and Guidance on Procedures for Ministers says: "In order to ensure effective presentation of Government policy, all major 10 Press Office." interviews and media appearances, both print and broadcast, should be agreed with the ment should keep a record of No 10 Press office before any commitments are entered

cleared in good time with the No 10 Private Office [of the Prime Minister]; the timing and form of amouncements should be cleared with the No

The new code then adds, for good measure: "Each departmedia contacts by both Ministers and officials."

fer the matter to No 10.

But if anything was going to appear in a national newspaper, then it should automatically be referred to Alistair Campbell, the Prime Minister's Press Secretary, or his staff, for clearance.

There were a number of other changes made in the rules, which have been extensively re-written - making comparison difficult - but adjustments include an uprating on the limit

cept and retain, from £125 to knowingly mislead Parliament

The receipt of all gifts, in all cases, has to be reported to a Minister's departmental permanent secretary.

Ministers are also now being warned, explicitly, to maintain the secrecy of discussions in Cabinet committees, and a new code of conduct for the relationship between Ministers and Parliament is incorporated for those who gave us our positions the first time - along with the

new policy initiatives should be a trivial issue, like widgets, then cleared in good time with the it might not be necessary to rewill be expected to offer their resignation to the Prime Min-

In a foreword, Mr Blair says: "I should like to reaffirm my strong personal commitment to restoring the bond of trust between the British people and their Government. We are here to serve and we must all serve honestly and in the interests of

Cash for questions verdict on Tory four

Chief Political Correspondent

Four former Tory MPs are expected to be admonished today by the cross-party Commons Committee on Standards and Privileges for their role in the "cash for questions" affair centred on Mohammed Al Fayed, the owner of Harrods.

The ex-MPs already have been censured over sleaze allegations by Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards. The committee today is due to deliver its verdict on the four: Tim Smith, Michael Brown, Sir Andrew Bowden and Sir Michael Grylis.



Caption - locked to grid

They have all apologised to committee and, having lost their seats or retired from Parliament, the sanctions are limited if the committee decides to punish them for breaches in the rules governing the declara-tion of their private interests

while they were MPs. A fifth former MP criticised by Sir Gordon, Neil Hamilton, who was defeated at the general election by Martin Bell, has appealed against the findings by Sir Gordon and will have to wait at least until next week for the committee's judgement.
Although the Commons rose

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mer break, the committee is anxious to clear as much of its work as quickly as possible and will meet again on Tuesday to consider the case of Mr

don Downey, in his report on

Hinting that the Committee may well accept Sir Gordon's findings on the relevant four former MPs, its chairman, Robert Sheldon, said the Downey Report would be "a major part" of

agrees with Sir Gordon's conclusions – as it has in three wholally no powers over former MPs.

Christine are to write a book. The couple have reached a deal with a publisher and are currently writing the non-fiction publication together.

But the book does not con cern the "cash-for-questions" row or the election battle with former BBC war correspondent Martin Bell, who won Mr

it is nothing to do with that affair," Mrs Hamilton said. "We are marching out on our own."

The couple hope sales of the book will help improve their financial situation. Mr Hamilton, who was censured in the Downey Report on parliamentary sleaze earlier this month, has admitted he needs to find new sources of income since he withdrew from an

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Hamilton, a former minister.

lts report tomorrow follows damning criticism of the five MPs by the Parliamentary Standards Commissioner, Sir Gorthe "cash-for-questions" affair earlier this month.

ly unrelated and separate cases already this week - it has virtu-Mr Sheldon said: "All we can do is say how bad it was. We can bring them to the Bar of the House and lock them up in the Tower - but these are archaic," Mr Hamilton and his wife

The publishers have insisted that the subject matter of the book is kept strictly under wraps until September.

But, even if the Committee

Hamilton's Tatton seat.

'We are writing a book, but



Umbrella politics: Labour candidate Andrew Slaughter braving the rain to round up votes for the by-election in Uxbridge, west London, yesterday Photograph: Peter Macdiannic

for loss from disaster fund widely, universities told

Chief Political Correspondent

The Government announced yesterday that it was repaying to the Welsh mining village of Aberfan £150,000 taken from the disaster relief fund in the aftermath of the 1966 landslide which killed 144 people, main-

ly children. Ron Davies, the Secretary of State for Wales, ended more than 30 years of bitterness by an-

£5,000,000

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nouncing that the Government would repay to the village the money taken from a £2.5m disaster relief fund to help the National Coal Board clear nearby tips similar to the one which

devastated the village. Mr Davies said: "I have long made clear my view that there should have been no requirement in the first place for a contribution to be made from the disaster fund towards the cost

"I am pleased to announce today that I shall be making available a grant of £150,000 to repay the sum originally contributed and to supplement provision in the Aberlan Disaster Fund and in the Memorial Charity."

Officials from the Welsh Office will get in touch with both organisations to decide how the money could best be spent "for the benefit of the community of Aberfan", he added.

Welcoming the move, Aberfan survivor Gaynor Madgwick, who was eight years old when she was pulled from the wreckage of the village school, commented: "I'm very pleased, although it should not have taken this long to have the £150,000 returned to the fund."

Altogether 116 children and 28 adults perished in the avalanche of black slurry which engulfed the village, burying a school and destroying every-thing in its path. An entire class of 34 schoolchildren were among the victims.

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Education Correspondent

Young people from poor backgrounds could be excluded from higher education if the Government fails to balance plans to introduce tuition fees with steps to widen access to university, a Labour MP has claimed.

Last month's report by the Dearing committee of inquiry recommended introducing tuition fees of around £1,000 for each year of a degree course for all full-time students, to be repaid after graduation. However, the committee recommended that means-tested grants for living costs should stay to help the poorer students.

Sir Ron Dearing moved to counter concerns from some MPs that government plans for fees would automatically deter poorer school-leavers from applying to university.

There had been no evidence of such a trend in Australia or New Zealand, which already levy tuition fees for higher ed-

ucation, Sir Ron said, The Government, announcing its response to the report last week, proposed a different system, under which all maintenance grants will be replaced by longterm loans, and means-tested

tuition fees will be introduced. Gerry Steinberg, Labour MP for the City of Durham, told Sir Ron that he believed poorer groups would be no better off under his proposal and would probably be worse off under the government's suggestions. "To get rid of grants, it seems to me, it's just going to deter young-sters, particularly from working class backgrounds, from coming into contact with higher education," he said.

Further education colleges are in financial crisis, reporting a deficit of £90m, a new survey showed yesterday.

An analysis of 347 colleges in England showed that two out of three had an operating deficit in the 1995/6 financial year and more than 1,000 teaching jobs

But despite the financial struggles, the pay of college principals has risen, with 16 per cent now earning more than £85,000 a year, the report by the Labour Research Department showed.

Some colleges have "very substantial" deficits, amounting to more than 10 per cent of total income in 24 cases, Labour Research, an independent union and labour movement organisation, found. At Stanmore College in London, the deficit was almost 20

cotewood College in Oxford-shire it reached 22 per cent. The result of the financial crisis has been a cut in teaching staff, averaging 3 per cent in larger colleges, rising to 20 per

per cent of income, while at Rye-

cent in 14 cases. The colleges, where three million young people and adults are taught every year, face a funding squeeze which stretches "unbroken" into the future, said the report. Many are cutting staff again this year.

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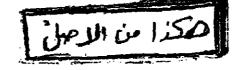
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Have I got news for you...the cheap TV comedies that are a joke too far

They Think It's All Over: Chairman Nick Hancock caught between team captains David Gower (left) and Gary Linekei

a quiz master ad-libbing at the worlds of cookery or gardening?

Those are some of the proposals being put to the makers of BBC2's Have I Got News For You in what was described this week as the boom in "smartassed television".

And while the march of the comedy-quiz show format across our television schedules was criticised for elbowing out traditional comedy writers, Hat Trick Productions - makers of

Coren and his writing partner on BBC Call my Bluff, Sandi Toksvig, have criticised the what are described as "show-off shows" such as Never Mind The Buzzcocks and They Think It's All Over (both also BBC). "I'm very bored with smart-

assed television," Ms Toksvig told Radio 5 this week. "Four people in suits with no scripts making it up as they go along. I can't be doing with it any more it's cheap and nasty. It's a notion that we can get rid of writers in this country and the crafted project. It's a conveyor belt approach to making television."

The modern panel-game boom started with production or The Peter Principle, which is set in a bank, could have been companies such as Hat Trick liftmade 30 years ago and would ing formats from Radio 4 shows have been made better." such as the News Quiz and Just

Mr Coren, who appears reg-ularly on the News Quic, believes quiz-comedies are made partbecause they are cheaper than situation comedies. "You couldn't afford the script development or to fill a sitcom with the stars who are happy to

go on the quiz shows. It's probably a quarter to a third cheaper to make these shows." Jimmy Mullville, joint man-

aging director of Hat Trick and the first producer of HIGNFY, admitted yesterday that the for-mat had probably run its course: "It's a worry. The topic of the show has to have some kind of national import and I think we're coming to the end of top-

ics that touch the zeitgeist. Some of the suggestions we've been of-fered following the success of Have I Got News For You have believe the rise of the format was been ridiculous - even a funny

ple think you can put anything through this sausage machine." Mr Mullville believes the format is popular because it is an efficient use of comedians: "It's just a question of creating a struc-

panel game about antiques. Peo-

tured conversation. Stand-ups behind a mike struggle a bit on TV, and it uses up all their material." Mr Mullville said he did not

cause many of the newer shows employ writers. Geoffrey Perkins, head of comedy at the BBC, denied

putting writers out of work be-

that comedy quiz-shows were pushing out scripted material.

"There is an enormous amount of scripted comedy here and we are always looking for new sources of comedy talent," he said. "There will be at least 12 news scripted comedy shows on the BBC in the next nine months. There is a danger that you can do too many of these and for some channels they are cheap fillers, but no one can de-scribe HIGNFY as cheap filler."

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Charities win test case on care for the elderly

forced to pay for their care, no matter how short of resources the local authority is, the Court of Appeal ruled yesterday.

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major victory for the charities Help the Aged and Age Concern and has implications for the 170,000 elderly in council-run homes throughout the UK.

The charities had brought a test case in the Court of Appeal after a local council made an 87year-old pensioner. Charlotte and £16,000, the authority paid £1,500 they provided the assis-

Lord Woolf, and two other appeal judges overturned a High Court decision in favour of Sefton council which allowed the authority to avoid paying for care for the elderly because of its own limited resources.

In the November 1995 Budget, the Government announced that when individuals' capital fell below £10,000, local authorities were legally obliged to pay for a person's care. When capital was between £10,000

Sefton argued that it was enti-

a Minute and creating programmes like Who's Line is it

Anyway? and They Think It's All

Over. Before that television

had to rely on Call My Bluff. Today, while television churns

"There is still plenty of old-

Blanchard had no capital, Sefton would have looked after her under its statutory duties. "Their refusal to do so was not dependent upon her condition but her

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Social Affairs Correspondent

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Banned CFCs' racket broken

Environment Correspondent

Customs officers across Europe and the European Commission have uncovered a CFC smuggling racket which had

imported 1.000 tonnes of the ozone-destroying chemicals from China worth millions of pounds. British Customs said one UK broker of the valuable chemicals had been involved, but he had not known they had

been smuggled into Europe with false documentation and

therefore faced no charges. For the past two years, industry and governments have suspected that some CFC users have been evading the Europewide han on consumption and production of the chemicals. Widely used in refrigeration and air conditioning, they are being phased out because they are highly damaging to the

earth's protective ozone layer. Now, after co-operating for more than a year, customs officials and the commission's anti-fraud unit have had their first major breakthrough.

Taifun, a small German company based near Frankfurt, is alleged to be behind the smuggling operation.

The Brussels-based anti-fraud unit said 80 containers, each containing 12 one-tonne steel cylinders of the chemicals, had been imported through Rotterdam from China and their contents distributed around the Continent over the past year. They had been falsely labelled as a non-CFC chemical, and had invalid

Chinese certificates of origin. When the CFCs were re-exported to other EU nations, the accompanying paperwork said they were recycled CFCs. These can still be legally traded along with any CFCs stockpiled before

the 1995 ban, but by now there should be only small quantities

Heinrich Kraus, CFC expert in Germany's federal environment ministry, said: "This is the breakthrough we've been waiting for. For some time we have believed there has been con-siderable smuggling, but we've not been able to detect a specific case.

Under the Montreal Protocol, an international green treaty, developing nations like China can still produce CFCs until 2010. But they are banned from exporting the chemicals to developed countries.

The refrigeration industry had been expecting the price to rise rapidly after the 1995 ban due to stocks running down. But the market price has remained flat or risen only slowly, indi-cating ample supplies of CFCs - much to the fury of chemical giants like ICI which have invested heavily in developing ozone-friendly substitutes.

Malcolm Horlick, Secretary of the Institute of Refrigeration, said: "There is still a huge amount of concern about the quantity of CFCs still available and the low price."

The remaining CFCs are traded at £6 to £18 a kilogramme. David Brown, of the Environmental Investigation Agency. a green campaigning organisation, said: "Small, flyby-night companies pop up, bombarding companies which still use these chemicals with faxes offering them at rockbottom prices.

Since the early 1980s, an ozone hole has been opening above the Antarctic each spring. allowing dangerous ultraviolet radiation to reach the surface. Thinning of the ozone layer has also been detected over

Eighty years on, the killing fields rest in peace



It is only a small village in Flanders, with a cluster of brick houses, but it gave its name to a Commonwealth Calvary.

The 1917 assault on Passchendaele caused the most unspeakable suffering of the Great War, surpassing even the carnage of the Somme.

The rows of white tombstones in the Tyne Cot cemetery at the top of the battlefield mark the graves of 11,908 men and make up the largest Commonwealth cemetery in the world.

Eighty years ago vesterday, as simply disappeared into the the battle commenced, a harrage of ammunition hitherto unimagined in warfare was

As the bombardment continued, the rain and the shells obliterated even the trenches themselves, leaving the bodies of those who died in them unrecognisable. The epitaph on many of the headstones is sim-

hurled upon men struggling to

find shelter in the mud.

ply: "Known unto God."
The cemetery is also a memorial to the 34,984 whose bodies were never found, who

The small ridge on which Passchendaele is set was Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig's target for the final stage of what was officially called the third battle of Ypres. As they crawled through three miles of mud, towards the village, the British troops were cut down by a hail of bullets and shells. Some 35 men died for every metre gained.

Such was the quagmire that regular supplies to the front collapsed and machine guns and rifles were jammed with mud.

The men in the shell holes of the

front line were forced to fight hand to hand. Passchendaele was reached, more than three months later, on 6 November. Eighty years on, some of the veterans have been returning to the battlefield to remember old comrades.

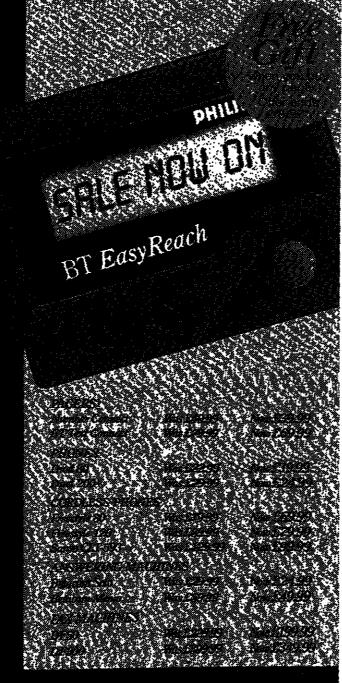
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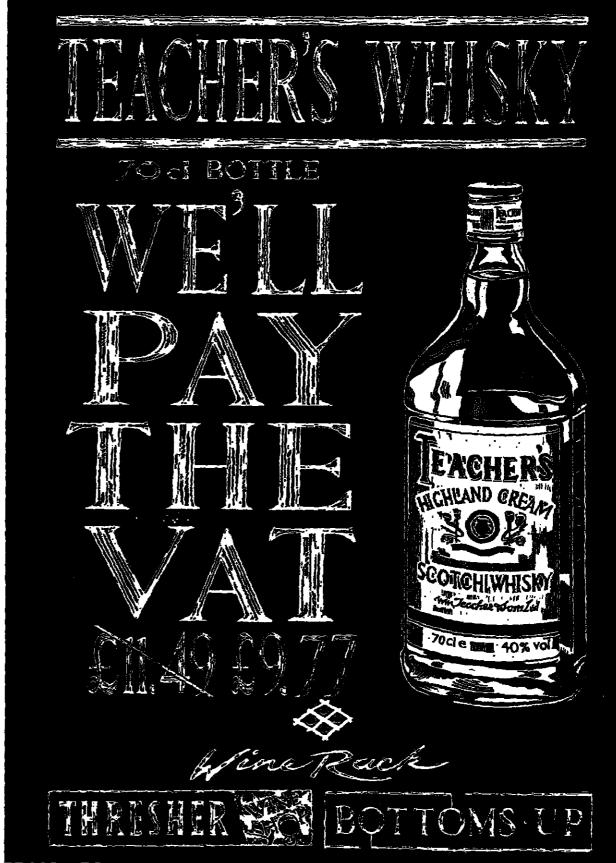
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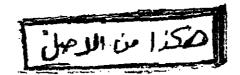
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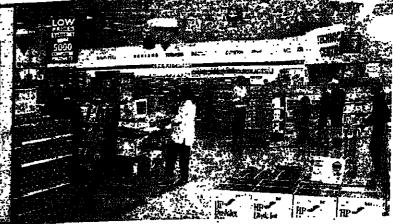
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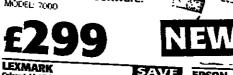
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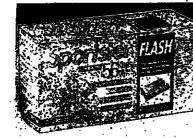
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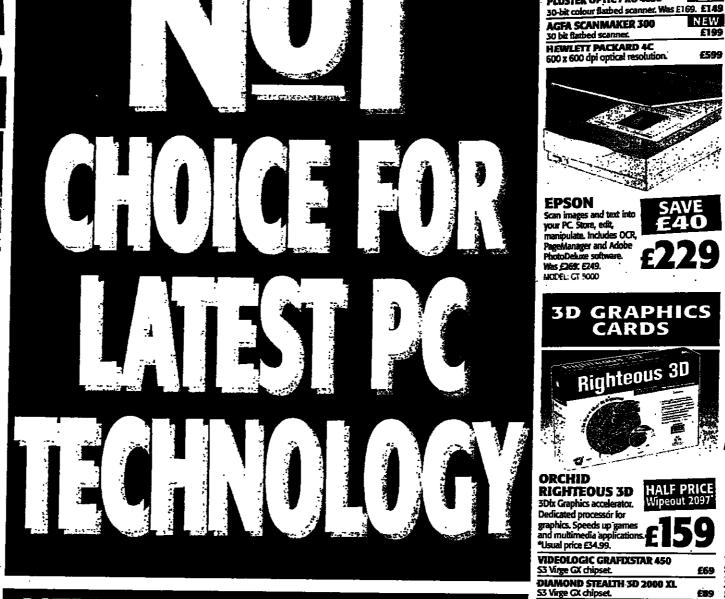
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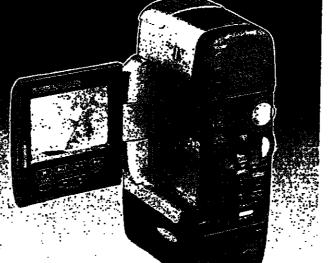


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Pavlos Georgiou: 'He tried to

Aids case lover jailed for 15 months

Cypriot fisherman Pavlos Georgiou was yesterday jailed for 15 months for knowingly infecting British di-

vorcee Janette Pink with Aids. Looking shocked and dejected, Georgiou, 40, was taken straight from the court under police escort to start his prison sentence in Nicosia, the island capital. Georgiou's twin brother, Petros, broke down in tears outside the court in Lanarca and said he was "surprised" at the sentence. Judge Antonis Liatsos said that the

only reason he did not impose the full two-year penalty was that Georgiou, a father-of-four, was himself dyme any more? Even death does not ing of Aids and only had a short time

After the sentence, Ms Pink, 45. said, from her home in Basildon, Essex: "This will hopefully make Paul (Pavlos) realise what he has done and stop him from doing it again."
She added: "He just did not care

that he might ... make me die, and he has never shown any remorse." When Georgiou was convicted on Tuesday after a trial which spread

over three months, he said: "I'm go-ing to die soon. What is going to scare colonial legislation under which me any more? Even death does not scare me." But yesterday he looked stunned as the verdict was read out.

Judge Liatsos said: "He is tragically condemned and it would be expected he would have tried to avoid putting others in the same condition ... without telling her, he was ejaculating death in her for months."

The test case was brought under an obscure 1957 law intended to prevent the spread of cholera, typhoid and venereal disease on Cyprus.

Georgiou was charged was insufficient and that such a crime would

normally merit a stiffer penalty. The case was only brought at all because Ms Pink, a mother-of-two, flew 2,000 miles to Cyprus to give evidence against her former lover, despite being chronically ill.

The couple had met through friends in 1993 shortly after Ms Pink had arrived to start a new life on the island after divorcing her husband of 20 years. During three days

giou became lovers she did not think to use condoms because they had both been in long-standing marriages. She later discovered that Georgiou's wife had died from Aids.

In his defence, Georgiou claimed that Ms Pink had known his HIV status but had been so much in love with him that she insisted on unprotected sex. He also alleged that Ms Pink had a succession of sexual encoun-

ters with other Cypriot men. Judge Liatsos was unconvinced.

of court questioning last May, Ms
Pink said that when she and Georgian account the severity of the offence committed. I have no hesitation in stating that a prison sentence is un-

avoidable." Aids charities in Britain said the sentence could stigmatise and isolate sufferers. Director of the National Aids Trusts, Derek Bodell, said: "It is very dangerous if we try to introduce similar laws. People will feel they cannot disclose their HIV status or

will not even want to know their sta-

tus because ignorance will be bliss."

Teachers say end school daily prayers

Lucy Ward Education Correspondent

Britain's most conservative teaching union yesterday called for an end to compulsory daily worship in schools.

The law obliging schools to hold religious assemblies each day should be changed to require collective worship only once a week, the Professional Association of Teachers annual conference in Glasgow declared.

A relaxation in the law would merely reflect what is already happening in schools, many teachers believe. Nearly half of all secondary schools do not hold daily religious assemblies, because they have neither the space nor the teachers willing to conduct them.

Only two months ago, the National Association of Head Teachers also voted at its annual conference for legal change to end schools' obligation to hold

morning prayers.
The PAT backed calls for change despite passionate apneals from some delegates to bolster the place of religion in

Retired headteacher and clergyman. Hywel Lewis, said dance meant children came to said,

God or Jesus Christ. They don't even know the Lord's Prayer".

The Rev Lewis, from Cardiff. said daily religious assemblies also provided a vital opportunity to bring everyone in a school together once every day

to reinforce its ethos. Kim Riley, a student teacher from Manchester, leared that a change in the law would lead to even fewer religious services in

"If we specify a minimum of once a week, my fear is that this will be seen as an excuse in some schools not to have any collective worship at all."

But Caroline Wigmore, a teacher at Poplar First School, Merton, south London, said that enforcing an unenforcable law was "sacrificing quality to

And a Leicester headteacher, Pam Weston, pointed out that teaching about religion was enshrined in the school curriculum through compulsory religious

"Collective worship is a different thing, and it gives lots of schools lots of problems - particularly those which have a number of other faiths repredeclining Sunday school atten- sented in their pupils," she



Child's play: A girl riding the carousel at the opening yesterday of Daisy and Tom, the new megastore for children up to 10 in Chelsea, London

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Australia ski resort disaster: All 20 people missing feared dead in freezing temperatures

Hope fades for buried victims of landslide

Robert Miliken

After two nights buried under rubble in freezing tempera-tures, in what Australians call the high country, there seems little hope than any of the 20 landslide victims in the alpine village of Thredbo will be brought out alive.

Rescue workers found one body last night, and will resume this morning their perilous task of picking through the wreckage of two ski lodges piece by piece, perched on the side of a hill below a road that collapsed just before midnight on Wednesday, sending the buildings crashing into each other as their occupants slept.

The slide hit so suddenly that it swept away a woman who was taking a late-night stroll with her husband. Walking a few paces ahead of her, he survived.

Miraculously, only one person was staying in the uppermost lodge, Carrinya, owned by a ski club in Canberra. At weekends the lodge would be packed with families.

In Bimbadeen, the lodge downhill from Carrinya, about 19 workers employed by the company that runs the Thredbo resort had retired when the disaster struck. They are believed to be Australians and Americans.

Holidaymakers and skiers in surrounding lodges that some-how stayed standing dashed from their beds when they heard a roar that some likened to a tornado. Ron Stiebel, an Australian tourist, said: "It just looked like a vacuum cleaner had emptied a giant load of

debris on to the side of the hill." Glenn Milne, a political journalist with Australia's Channel

tralian Broadcasting Corpora-tion radio: "It was like an enormous gust of wind. It shook our lodge to its foundations. Then we heard a car alarm going off. My wife. Karen, jumped out of bed and walked out to the veranda, part of the railing of which had been taken

away by the rubble. "She said. My God, there are cars everywhere. As well as buildings coming down, all the ferrace car parks had come down too. So cars were smashed on top of the lodges. I bundled



by her friend, Julie Pearson

my two little daughters up and ran them to the bottom of the hill because the whole thing was unstable.

"When I got back up, we could hear voices in the rubble, at least three. One was definitely a male. Someone I was with said there was possibly a female as well. We tried to get to them. we were trying to claw the rubble away to get to the voices. But, as we were doing so, the cars above us that had pancaked on to the concrete were tee-

on holiday with his family in a lodge next door. He told Austrying to get to them when the emergency services arrived. They took one look at the situation, identified the places where we heard the voices and ordered us out. They said it was far too dangerous,

"The worst thing about it was you just had to walk away." Another survivor, John

Hutcheons from Adelaide, said he heard voices in two areas of the rubble minutes after the slide came to a halt. "I can't be very hopeful," he said, "It's exceedingly dangerous and exceedingly difficult for the emergency service men. They can pick bits off the top, but there's a chance it may all slip away again and take them with it."

It was this uncertainty about the rubble's stability that made police delay starting the rescue operation for 12 hours on the advice of geophysical experts who were flown in by helicopter from Sydney, about 250 miles to the north. As darkness fell yesterday evening, and temperatures dropped below freezing, a chain of about 200 rescuers prepared to work through the night under floodlights.

Their hopes dimmed after sound recorders and cameras lowered into the debris failed to detect any signs or sounds of life. They feared that any survivors who might be trapped in air pockets would succumb to hypothermia after a day and two nights in freezing temperatures.

Even as the rescue operation got under way, questions were being asked about the cause of the disaster. Conservationists argue that Thredbo has been over-developed with too many lodges on the fragile mountain slope, and that the landslide was a tragedy waiting to happen.



| Mayor of DC to be stripped of his powers

Mary Dejevsky Washington

Marion Barry, the much-criticised Mayor of Washington DC, faces losing the bulk of his powers under proposals agreed yesterday. Mr Barry, re-elected in 1994 after serving a jail term for drug offences, will have to hand control of nine committees, including public works, housing, personnel, schools and police, to a federally appointed financial-control board whose job will be to ensure probity and sound accounting.

It is the latest stage in a struggle for control of the capital, which for decades was administered by the federal authori-ties until it was decided in 1973 that it should have an elected administration, just like any other US city. The move was largely a response to pressure from the city's black majority. Mr Barry, who like most of the councillors is black, benefited.

But his conduct during his first term, which included being discovered smoking crack cocaine with a prostitute in the lobby of a hotel (he insists it was a set-up), made him even more controversiai.

His race, and his influence with the black majority, guaranteed him re-election when he

left prison.
But it also ensured city politics would be perpetual guerrilla war between Washington's growing black population and its declining white population.

Mr Barry's return to office prompted many whites to move from the Washington-admin-istered District of Columbia into the adjacent states of Mary-land and Virginia, a process that continues.

Now joined by better-off blacks, they complain not just of poor city services, but of mismanagement, corruption and neglect of the infrastructure that leaves Washington unworthy to serve as a showcase for the US.

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Fire fight: Flames leaping from a cargo plane which crashed at Newark International Airport, New Jersey, yesterday. Five people on board escaped with minor injuries Photograph: AP

Lebanon jails Red Army five

Robert Fisk Beirut

The leading lights of the Lebanese judiciary were in court, five judges led by the incorruptible Soheil Abdul-Samad in his red, black and white robes. The might of the Japanese press corps was there; I6 journalists, including representatives of five television channels. So was the ice-cold figure of the Japanese embassy's first secretary. Tamotsu Sei, his wellgroomed black moustache set above unsmiling lips, stiff white shirt beneath a grimly dark suit in the stifling summer courtroom. Only the ageing defendants from the Japanese Red Army – whom Mr Sci would like to pack off to Tokyo for more serious trials - were missing.

They were allowed to relax in Beirut's Roumich prison yesterday while Judge Abdul-









Japanese most wanted: Kozo Okamoto, Kazuo Tohira, Masao Adachi, Haruwo Wako and Mariko Yamamoto

once regarded as among the most dangerous killers in the world - to a mere three years in prison for illegally entering Lebanon, Needless to say, Kozo Okamoto - who led a 1972 attack on Tel Aviv airport which left 24 pilgrims dead - Kazuo Tohira, Masao Adachi, Haruwo Wako and the only woman, Mariko Yamamoto, will all appeal against the sentence and against the court's decision to

when they are released from Nor is it difficult to see why.

The Japanese government would like to try them for a score of crimes and lock them up for the rest of their lives; defendants would like to spend the rest of their lives in Lebanese retirement, which is more

rity police arrested all five in Beirut and charged them with forging visa stamps and bolding false passports. Needless to say, their original arrest was accompanied by

a good deal of rhetoric. The hence the presence of the grim- Jerusalem Post accused Lebfaced Mr Sei in court. The five anon of "sheltering" the notorious Okamoto - failing to point out that Israel had itself imprisoned him for 13 years but or less what they were doing last then blithely let him go free in Samad briskly convicted all five deport them from Lebanon February when Lebanese secu- return for captured Israeli sol- out to be a witness against the five walk out of prison in 2000.

diers. The Lebanese authorities insisted that they had only just discovered the presence of the five, three of whom had been using Singaporean, Chinese and Brazilian passports to travel in and out of Lebanon. Lebanese justice, we were told, was taking its natural course - until it was discovered that one of Lebanon's top security officials just happened to have business connections in Japan. He turned

five - and then took early re-

tirement. In the end, the Red Army five were convicted only of illegal en-try into Lebanon - a crime committed by countless armies over the past 1,000 years but one which will see the defendants behind bars for the next 30 months, since they have already spent six months at Roumieh. Mr Sei, who had hoped the court would deport the five to Tokyo, went back to his embassy empty-handed. But be sure that we shall see him again. Indeed, only yesterday morning, the Japanese ambas-sador was talking of the vast amount of yen that his country was already spending on agricultural projects in Lebanon. Japan was ready to do even more for the country, he said. And one wondered what the price of an air ticket to Tokyo would be when the Red Army

Russia delays pull-out from Georgian enclave

President Eduard Shevardnadze sent his defence minister to Moscow yesterday to consult on the future of Russian peace-keepers in Georgia but Russian military officials said a pullout was not imminent.

Vardiko Nadibaidze was due to Russian Defence Minister Igor Sergeyev and Armed Forces Chief of Staff Anatoly Kvashnin in Moscow

The mandate for the 1,500-strong force stationed between Georgia and its breakaway region of Abkhazia expired yesterday. Observers fear their withdrawai could reignite the 1992-93 separatist war which killed 10,000 Reuters ~ Tbilisi

Ford factory for Belarus

Ford has launched its first car assembly plant in the former Soviet Union with a \$20m (£12m) project in Belarus, a country plagued by political and economic turmoil recently. Initially, the plant will assemble 6,000 Ford Escort and Ford Transit vehicles a year, officials said at the unveiling in Obchack, 20km from the capital Minsk.

AP - Minsk

IMF gets tough on Kenya

Kenya yesterday sought more time to meet International Monetary Fund demands to combat corruption or lose a key aid package, but said much of what the IMF wanted was political. The IMF demanded in June that Kenya take action by yesterday to show its commitment to fight corruption and reform the energy sector or it would let a three-year aid package worth \$205m lapse. Reuters - Nairobi

India revives Agni missile

Despite strong international opposition, India intends to revive development of a long-range ballistic missile capable of hitting targets deep inside China or Pakistan. Work on the Agni missile, which has a range of 2,500kms, was halted three years ago.

Thugs blow up traffic jam

Thugs who were fleeing a car accident with police threw two grenades on a highway congested with slow-moving vehicles, killing seven people and wounding up to 40, police said yesterday. The explosions occurred on Wednesday night at Kibuye, two kms south-west of the capital of

Italy holds illegal immigrants

Italian police yesterday detained 102 people trying to enter Italy illegally on a fishing boat on a small island between Sicily and Libya. Police said three members of the crew were arrested after the boat, which was flying a Tunisian flag, arrived at Lampedusa island. The crew will face charges of attempting to smuggle illegal immigrants into Italy. Reuters - Lampedusa

Red Cross cuts 100 jobs

The Swiss-run International Committee of the Red Cross said it was axing 100 jobs at its Geneva headquarters. Spokeswoman Doris Pfister said the cuts were to reduce costs and were part of a restructuring to help the agency concentrate more on field work.

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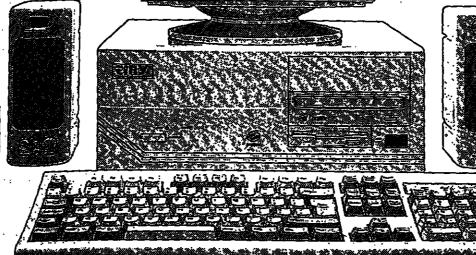
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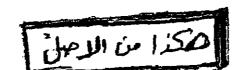
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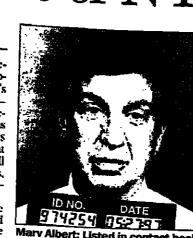
MS NATIONWIDE

A New York prostitute known to specialise in sado-masochism could scupper the career of one of America's best-known sports commentators from beyond the grave. Nadia Frey, described by New York tabloid papers as the "Manhattan dominatrix", was found dead, in her West Side apartment at the weekend. In the room were all the tools of her trade - whips, chains, leathers and so on - but also, crucially, her contacts book.

In Ms Frey's book are said to be the names of a police officer, a retired udge and a senior military official. The New York tabloid, the Post, said - in a line that will cause shudders in East Coast establishment circles - that the police now had 'years' worth' of Frey's appointment books.

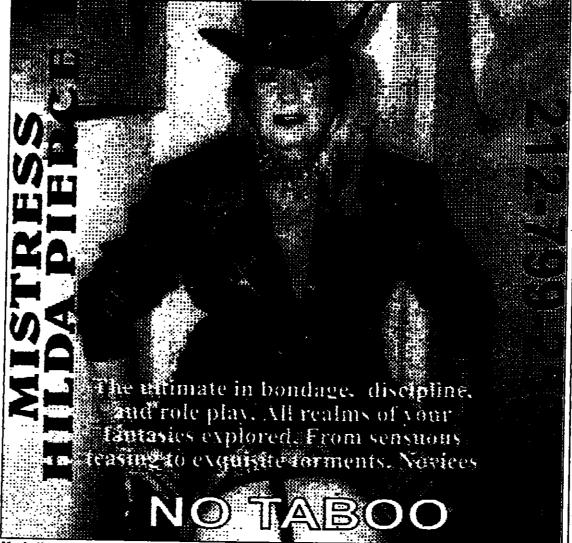
One of the names in the contacts book, it was revealed yesterday, is that of Marv Albert, a 53-year-old sports commentator who has worked for the NBC network for many years and is a household name in the US. Two months ago, to universal disbelief, he was charged with assault after a woman accused him of inviting her to a hotel room, forcing her to perform oral sex, throwing her on a bed, and biting her.

At the time, Albert denied all the charges, and the reputation of the woman making the allegations was



called into question. Mr Albert was nonetheless indicted and his case is to be heard before a Virginia court in the autumn. NBC said they would honour Albert's contract and not take him off the air, arguing that he was innocent until proved guilty.

The appearance of Mr Albert's name - or that of an exact namesake in Ms Frey's address book could cause NBC to reconsider. The Christian Coalition, a fundamentalist family-values group, is extremely influential and all branches of the US media, but especially television, are under constant pressure to keep day- and prime-time broadcasts wholesome and free of taint - above all, sexual taint.



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German church and state clash in asylum row

Bonn

Germany's policy of merciles ly deporting unwanted immigrants has sparked a row between church and state. After a series of confrontations between the clergy and the police, the government has ordered the bishops to rein in their turbulent priests and nuns, or face the wrath of the state treasury.

In an interview published yesterday in church newspapers, the justice minister. Edzard Schmidt-Jorzig, accused the ecclesiastical authorities of overstepping the law. The churches, he said, were wrong to provide sanctuary to foreigners escap-ing deportation. "In a constitutional state the decision about asylum is the exclusive domain of independent courts," the minister thundered.

In recent weeks, there has been a spate of highly-publicised protest actions against the way foreigners are bundled out of the country. In the most spectacular rebellion so far, 35 Benedictine nuns sat down in the middle of

was Mistress Hilda Pierce Photograph: AP

lice from taking away a family they were sheltering in their convent. They had fled from the Ukraine, where the father had deserted from the navy. He had argued that a prison sentence was awaiting him back home, but because Ukraine is not regarded as a country which persecutes its citizens, his application for asylum was turned down.

The man, his wife and their five-year-old daughter then sought shelter in the convent. The hapless policemen sent to arrest the family fled in terror when threatened with heilfire, and the plane bound for Ukraine was forced to take off without three of its passengers.

The government is furious, and threatening to hit the churches where it hurts most. Religion is nourished from taxes, an arrangement with which Mr Schmidt-Jorzig professes to be "not very happy".

"The churches can easily become out of touch with ... members of their community when they are not directly financed by them, but by convenient taxes distributed by the state," he said. In other words, take heed.

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Colonial echoes as Tung shuts out the people



No go: Hong Kong protesters hold portraits of jailed Chinese nt Wei Jingsheng yesterday Photograph: Reuters

Stephen Vines Hong Kong

Can it really be just a month since the installation of the new order in Hong Kong? The question arises because in this very short space of time a sea change has swept through the former colony's civil service which was forced kicking and screaming into a more open existence under the former Governor Chris Patten.

His insistence on open government and accountability was not met with enthusiasm by the 180,000 strong civil service, which saw itself as an élite responsible only to its own leaders. The Patten regime forced even the most humble civil servant to recognise that he or she was also responsible to the public, even if in only minor ways such as answering telephone en-quiries and replying to letters in days rather than months.

Now Mr Patten has gone. A collective sigh of relief was al-most audible from recalcitrant members of the service who were never really happy being exposed to daylight. The new order does not encourage ope ness. Tung Chee Hwa, the Chief Executive, is affable but highly reserved in communicating with the public, except in the most general of terms. His office has gathered power within its confines and delegates authority

with great reluctance. Officials have got the new message very quickly. On a recent visit to a school, pupils were instructed not to touch Mr Tung as this would inconvemience him. This is a far cry from the Patten days when no outstretched hand would be disappointed by lack of a tactile response.

Residents of a public housing estate, visited by Mr Tung, were instructed not to raise any controversial subjects if he decided to talk to them and to emphasise positive things. This kind of heavy handed people management was a hallmark of the old style colonial regime given a battering by a determined Chris Patten who would announce district visits at the last minute to prevent officials from staging elaborate receptions.

It seems unlikely that Mr Tung himself has ordered his of-ficials to go back to their old ways but his style of government, which is similar to the style of running his family's shipping company, is conducive to the restoration of colonial practices.

The new atmosphere of gov ernment is evident in both big and small ways. A visit to the government vehicle licensing centre, one of the biggest departments dealing directly with the public, quickly revealed that officials were back to their old leisurely mode of what passes for service. Combining the ability to be indolent and brusque, they al-lowed monster queues to form and were unperturbed by the inconvenience caused.

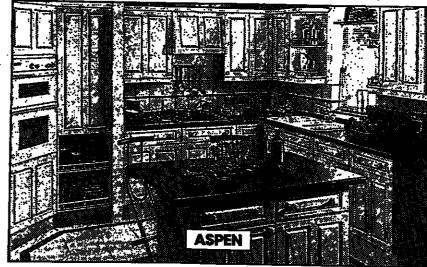
Meanwhile, the government has announced sweeping changes to the electoral system and allowed no more than nine days for a consultation exercise on the matter. The public is not being allowed to discuss the substance of the changes, only the details of how they are to be implemented. If the government is not

much interested in what the public has to say, it seems equally uninterested in the views of the new legislature, installed by China, replacing the previously elected body. Although the legislators could hardly be described as assertive, even this tame body was somewhat taken aback to be ordered to pass legislation in a single day which overturned a raft of new employment legislation. Worried about being seen as no more than a rubber stamp, the legislators rebelled and said they needed at least a reasonable breathing space to

consider the issues. Although the new administration seems to have got off to a shaky start, the public appears not to be overly concerned. With the stock market consistently testing new highs, economic confidence remains buoyant. Indeed a survey conducted for two local newspapers showed that economic confidence has risen since the handover while political confidence remained at the same level as



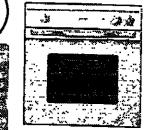
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Nigeria tops world league of sleaze

Steve Crawshaw

The bad news: corruption around the world is as bad as it was. The good news: it is a bigger international issue than ever before. The consequence: things have a chance of getting better in the medium or longer term. That, in effect, is the message contained in a report published yesterday by the Berlin-based organisation. Transparency International.

The organisation focuses on corruption worldwide, and produces an annual index of the perceived goodies and baddies. Nigeria unsurprisingly, is the worst of the lot. The Nordic countries walk off with the prizes

Best and worst

- Denmark, Finland and Sweden hold first, second and third place respectively as the "Mr Cleans" of the world, and Norway comes

(*of the 52 countries with sufficient evidence to make a ranking)

Just behind Nigeria come Bolivia, Colombia and Russia. But Transparency International is at pains to emphasise that

the blame does not just lie with the developing countries which cluster at the bottom of the list. In the words of Peter Eigen, chairman of Transparency International: "A large share of the corruption is the explicit product of multinational corporations, headquartered in leading industrialised countries, using massive bribery and kickbacks to buy contracts in the developing world and the countries in transition [namely, the post-

Communist economies]" The organisation is also keen to emphasise that better governance, with less corruption. can have spin-offs for commercial success and national prosperity. The authors point to



a comparative study of Singapore (number nine on the list) and Mexico (sixth from bottom) which suggests that the difference in levels of corruption is equivalent to raising the marginal tax rate by 20 per cent -

with huge knock-on implications

for inward investment. In Mr Eigen's words: "Every day, the poor scores [in the corruption index] are not being dealt with means more impoverishment, less education, less health care." The publication of the index

has sometimes had remarkable

knock-on effects. In Pakistan, which came off second worst in last year's index, the index itself me a national reference point. In Malaysia, the government reacted angrily to its low ranking, and complained of Western "cultural imperialism".

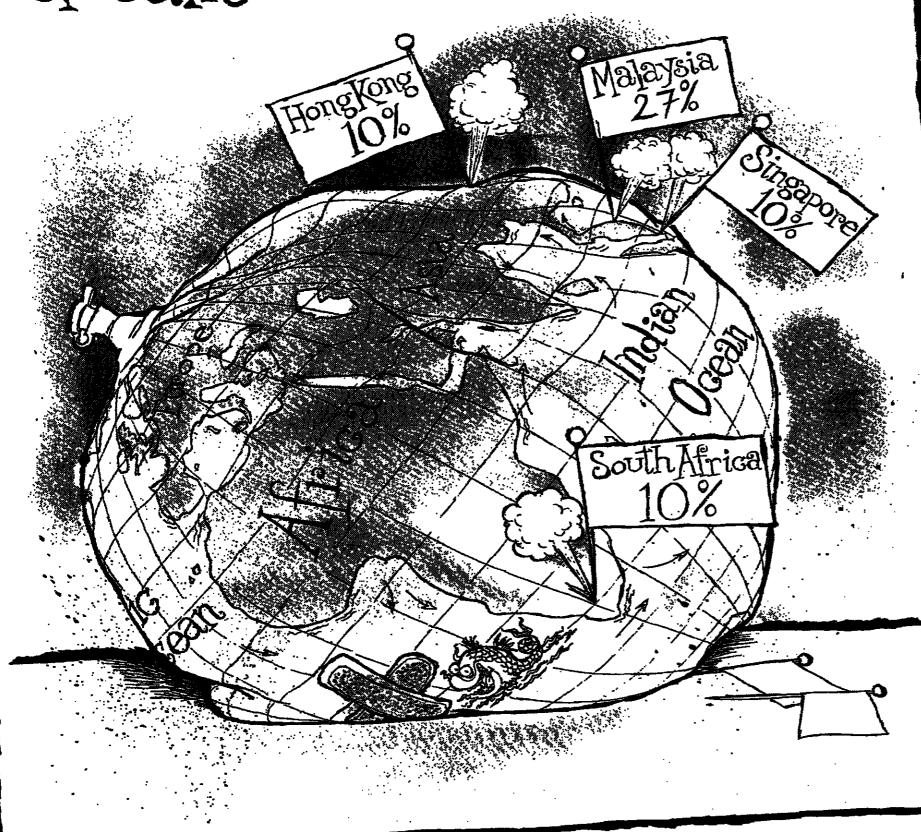
The chairman of the advisory council is Olusegun Obasanjo, the respected former Nigerian leader who was jailed by the present regime. One of the British members is Ian Martin. a former secretary-general of Amnesty International - another reminder of the organisation's non-partisan status.

Transparency International admits that there can be no precisely "objective" measurement of corruption. None the less, the index is compiled from a poll of business polls, and therefore gives a revealing consensus view. Where there is large variance in perceptions, this is indicated. Because a minimum of four polls is required before a country can be included in the list, Nigeria can take comfort in the fact that it may not be the

world - merely the country whose corruption has been most thoroughly attested to.

The new international focus on corruption may be yet another unexpected result of the end of the Cold War. One early knock-on effect in Africa was that democracy suddenly ceased to be an irrelevant concept. For decades, the Soviet Union and the West had backed different dictatorships, caring little about the implications for the perpower rivalry fell away, so, too, did the strength of those regimes. Now, the spotlight is on corruption, perceived as a reinforcement of existing poverty. The light may be shining, but nobody is expecting the early ar-rival of a bribe-free world.

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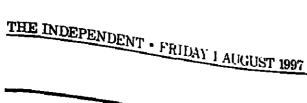
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Jerusalem bombing

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Carnage born out of Israel's policy of rejection

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It was a contradictory policy, always likely to provoke a crisis. From the moment he became prime minister of Israel last year Benjamin Netanyahu demanded total co-operation over security from Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader. But he rejected all other aspects of partnership with the Palestinians. This included an end to Israel's occupation of most of the West Bank, as agreed by the previous Israeli government in 1995. Mr Netanyahu has hinted he plans to pull out of just 40 per cent of the West Bank, not 90 per cent, as Mr Arafat expected.

The outcome was inevitable. The only surprise about the bombs on Wednesday was that they were so long coming. For months Shin Bet, the Israeli internal security force, predicted violence. But Mr Netanyahu seemed to feel that by starting to build a settlement in Jerusalem at Abu Ghneim, called Har Homa by Israel, he had called Mr Arafat's bluff.

The price of his miscalculation was paid by traders and shoppers killed and maimed in Mahane Yehuda market. Mr Netanyahu always said he

The only surprise about the bombs on Wednesday was that they were so long coming

viewed such attacks as terrorism, which can be switched on and off by Mr Arafat. But all that is needed for a suicide bomb attack are explosives (obtained from old landmines), a bag of nails and a Palestinian willing to die in order to kill Israelis. Mr Netanyahu has ensured that such Palestinians

are in plentiful supply. The reason for the violence is obvious to half the Israeli population, all Palestinians and most foreign governments. The surprise is that Mr Netanyahu does not see it himself; perhaps he does. One theory is that he is at heart an ideologue who wants to reverse the Oslo accords. By blocking implemen-tation he knows there will be violent Palestinian reaction. which would allow him to reoccupy Palestinian enclaves.
A simpler explanation is that

he thinks he can have his cake and eat it. By putting maximum pressure on Mr Arafat and the Palestinians he can force them to accept a Carthaginian peace, in which there will be no Palestinian state but a strange entity whose powers Mr Netanyahu once compared to those of Andorra. But this Palestinian Andorra will somehow have a ferocious security force capable of rounding up all potential suicide hombers.

It has not happened, nor is it likely to. Mr Arafat is dictatorial but he does not act in a vacuum. The West Bank and Gaza Palestinians are among the most politically aware people in the world: no Palestinian political leader could round up thousands of militants, which means imprisonment without trial and torture, without a measure of public support.

The key to Mr Netanyahu's policy is that not only does he refuse to recognise the Palestinian right to self-determination, but that he does not see them as human beings who behave much like Israelis would in similar circumstances.

His books and speeches display a colonial mentality, full of ethnic stereotypes. His explanations of how Palestinians will come to heel, if dealt with sternly, sound like excerpts from Kipling or John Buchan. The Oslo accords, agreed by Israel and the Palestinians in 1993, were not the result of the milk of human kindness suddenly flowing through the Middle East: the negotiators recognised a certain balance of power, much in favour of Israel,

but one in which the Palestini-

ans were not wholly impotent. Mr Netanyahu does not see it that way. For him Yitzhak Rabin, the assassinated prime minister, gave away far more than was necessary. To be fair, it is a view widely shared by the Israeli electorate. Often forgotten is the fact that in May last year they gave a large majority to parties effectively opposed to Oslo; in other words, the maximum they would offer was far less than the minimum the

It is this which makes the situation so lethal. Mr Netanyahu is a man of great ingenuity, but not of great political intelligence. He has little idea of how Palestinian politics work and probably feels he does not have to. He is much better informed about the US and appears to calculate that Washington may put little pressure on him. This has proved true in recent months. But Mr Netanyahu won the election by promising peace and security - and the bombs in Mahane Yehuda shows he can deliver neither.

Palestinians would accept.



Arafat trapped between the angry and the frustrated

Stephanie Nolen

Yasser Arafat was far from the smoke and shrapnel when two suicide bombers blew themselves up in a busy Jewish market on Wednesday, but he was none the less badly injured.

The explosions have left the Palestinian leader trapped, under intense pressure to act but faced with an array of equally unpalatable choices. In an emergency meeting af-

ter the bombing, which left 15 dead and more than 170 injured. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his security Cabinet produced a list of mands for Mr Arafat, "first and foremost to fight the terror groups and their infrastruc-ture". Israel blames the militant Palestinian organisation Hamas for the bombing, and Mr Arafat and his police for letting Hamas get away with it.

Mr Arafat must extradite Palestinians wanted by Israel,



must take "immediate steps" against high-ranking officials in his police force who are accused of planning attacks on Isco-operation with Israeli security services - and until he does, Mr Netanyahu said, there

called his demands reasonable, indeed, basic, in the context of the peace process; he was echoed by US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and



will be no more peace talks. The Israeli Prime Minister

most of the international community. But Israel could hardly have given Mr Arafat a more impossible list of demands.

There is simply no way he can do this," said Dr Khalil Shiqaqi, head of the Centre for Palestine Research and Studies, a Nablus think-tank "Israel has weakened him so far, he is fighting for his own survival, and Hamas is as much a threat to him as it is to Israelis. If he does what Israel demands, he will be discredited past any recovery."

A year and a half ago, after 66 Israelis dead and gutted the peace process, Mr Arafat was able to take forceful action against Hamas and Islamic Jihad; and indeed, he seriously damaged the infrastructure of both organisations. But back then, the PLO leader had just won election as president with 88 per cent of the vote; he had public support, because the Israeli army had recently left the West Bank cities; the economic situation was good and the peace process was going well.
Today, none of those things

is true," said Dr Shiqaqi. "Plus, he is facing wide allegations of corruption and human rights

Palestinian police have made some arrests in the West Bank towns they control, but Mr Arafat is in no position to start another crackdown on Islamists. While the suicide bombings are not condoned by the majority of Palestinians, Hamas as a political party does have a solid support base. Nor will it serve Mr Arafat now to be seen as caving in to Israeli de-

mands. "He is not going to put himself on the line when Israel is doing everything it can to dis-credit him," Dr Shiqaqi said, So what will he do? Palestinian commentators believe Mr Arafat will take some localised action against Hamas and Jihad, when he finds out who was re-

the Israeli anger, hoping his own population does not crupt first. Palestinian political analyst Ghassan Khatib argues that Israel is being unrealistic in ask-ing Mr Arafat to take measures now. "They don't understand that the violence is a result of Israeli policies, not a cause of the stagnation of the peace process," he said, citing settlement building and the closure of the Palestinian territories in particular. "Israelis need to ask themselves why 20-year-olds

are so eager to commit suicide."

Yesterday morning, Israeli security forces arrested the families of two young men from the West Bank village of Dharriyeh and took them for genetic testing, attempting to identify the corpses of the suicide bombers. The two young men, Saled Al-Teil and Majid Qaissiyeh, disappeared from Dharriveh 15 months ago and were the subject of a joint PA-Israeli cide bomber.

Economic war declared on Palestine

Eric Silver

Israel yesterday retaliated for Wednesday's twin suicide bombings in a Jerusalem fruit and vegetable market, which killed 13 Israeli civilians and wounded another 170, by declaring economic war on the two million Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Armed troops barred tens of thousands of day labourers from crossing the old "greenline" border to jobs in Israeli agriculture, industry and services. A reinforced military gar-rison laid siege to seven West Bank towns now under Palestinian self-rule. "No one," a military spokesman said, "can

In West Bank villages still under Israeli control, the security services rounded up 28 Palestinians suspected of terrorist activity. The Palestinian police are reported to have detained dozens more. But the Israelis had not yet carried out their threat to send commandos into Palestinian-controlled areas to pick up alleged ring-leaders.

Benjamin Netanyahu's rightwing coalition has indicated that the closure will not be lifted in a hurry. "After the Mahane Yehuda bombing," a govern-ment spokesman, Moshe Fogel, told The independent, "we're not going to say business as usual. Yasser Arafat has to convince us that he is serious. There has to be a consistent policy of

fighting terror."
Until then, the peace nego-tiations will remain in limbo. The basis of the peace process. Mr Fogel insisted. has to be the understanding that violence is not a legitimate diplomatic tool."

As an example of Israel's demands, he complained that a week ago Israeli forces arrested a band of Palestinian policemen on the way to carry out an attack. The evidence, he claimed, led to the Palestinian police commander, General Ghazi Jabali. Mr Arafat was informed, but did nothing about it. Israel has now issued an arrest warrant against

Israeli investigators were still

the general.

trying last night to identify the suicide bombers. Inquiries were focussed on two known Hamas operatives from the village of Dahariyeh, near Hebron, who went into hiding a year ago, but police scientists wanted to com-plete DNA tests before confirming their suspicions. A leaflet in the name of Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement, claimed responsibility for the bombing, which it said was in revenge for a poster distributed in Hebron last month which depicted the prophet Mohammed as a pig.

The Mahane Yehuda market defiantly reopened for trade be broken." said Uri Mizrahi. who was up at 5.30am to stock his vegetable stall. Shoppers lit candles at the site of the bombing as police stood guard.

Fifty-eight of the wounded were still being treated in Jerusalem hospitals yesterday. One was reported to be in critical condition. Another 13, including two badly-burned teenage girls, were in a serious state. Most of the dead were buried yesterday, but one was still unidentified

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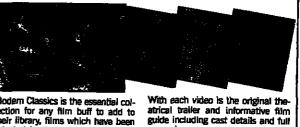
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search, because it was feared they might be planning such an attack. They were not known to be members of Hamas, although their families said they were "quite religious", and neither was married, in keeping with the profile of the typical sui-

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Drummond Matthews

Plate tectonics is now in the National Curriculum, so practically every schoolchild knows that Britain is drifting away from North America at about the rate your fingernails grow: roughly six feet in a lifetime of three score years and ten. Yet in the early 1960s such ideas sounded preposterous. Geologists were familiar with the notion that the Earth's crust goes up and down, leaving, for example, sediments originally laid down underwater now at the top of the highest Welsh mountain, Mount Snowdon. But rapid horizontal movements sounded

Drummond Matthews was one of the chief architects of the plate tectonics revolution which changed all that. Together with his then graduate student Fred Vine (now Dean of Science at the University of East Anglia), he recognised that the amazingly regular stripes of magnetised volcanic rocks on the ocean floor were created by the sea-floor's spreading apart, at rates of typically a few inches per year, along massive rifts run-ning down the centres of the occan basins.

This was the cornerstone of the plate tectonic theory. Although the ocean basins cover face, they are continually being destroyed and created as the tectonic plates drift across the globe. It is a theory which has revolut, raised not only the way we look at the Earth, but which now underpins major social and economic activities worldwide, including earthquake and volcanic risk assessment and oil exploration. Matthews's research career

started in 1958-61 with a PhD on rocks dredged from the North Atlantic. Before that be had done his obligatory National Service in the Royal Navy, and had taken a degree in Geology and Petrology at Cambridge in 1955. His degree results had been disappointing. so before returning to Cambridge in 1958 he had spent two years as a geologist in the Antarctic with the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey (now the British Antarctic Survey). He attributed his subsequent diabetes, with the consequent deteriorating beart condition that accompanied a lifetime's use of insulin, to the huge quantities of butter that were supplied as Antarctic sledging rations: in practice they did little sledging but had nothing else to eat.

work in the Gulf of Aden dur-ing cruises on HMS Owen as part of the International Indian Ocean Expedition of 1961-63. Working alone, he not only ensured that the instrumentation was running 24 hours per day, but had himself to deploy and haul in by hand the 500metre towed magnetometer cable. This epic, but careful ob-servational work paid off. No one could have predicted what he found, yet it changed the way we view the Earth.

Following the untimely death of his mentor, Maurice Hill, in 1966 Matthews took over running the Cambridge marine geophysics group. This was a time he once called "the heroic period of ocean exploration": and heroic it certainly was. In the five years from 1967 to 1972, the members of the 15strong marine group took part in 33 seagoing expeditions. Almost every cruise was to virgin territory and discovered new features of the ocean floor and its plate boundaries. Much of the specialist equipment they used was not commercially available, but was designed and built in the workshops in the Cambridge department.

The pace of exploration and His discovery of sea-floor innovation scarcely slackened spreading stripes came from over the next decade: during ship the Cambridge marine



Photograph: Godfrey Argent

1972-82 the Cambridge marine group ran another 39 expeditions at sea, consolidating our understanding of the structure and processes at work in the rocks beneath the oceans. In those days, before the huge land-grabs by coastal nations of "exclusive economic zones" offshore, you could sail a research ship almost anywhere. Matth-ews took full advantage of that, always choosing the most tractable problems in the most favourable locations. His laboratory was the two-thirds of the world that is covered by water.

Under Matthews's leader-

group continued at the cutting edge of international science. One of his great strengths was in being able to draw on and to make full use of developments by theoreticians of improved models of how the Earth works and of new data processing and interpretation techniques, while at the same time keeping his feet firmly grounded in acquiring the best observational data possible. Often this meant developing new underwater instrumentation. This powerful combination of theoretical and observational capabilities in his research group drove numerous scientific advances.

Matthews's research group was characterised by talented and spirited graduate students, technicians and research assistants; who worked hard, sweated and laughed together as friends. Not a few of them ended up marrying one another. Matthews always led from the front: I cannot remember a single case of his asking someone else to do something he wouldn't have been willing to do himself. Indeed he frequently took on the most unpopular watches and menial tasks at sea himself. He was immensely supportive of his most junior colleagues and graduate stu-dents. It was typical of him that

he left his name off the published authorship of some of the most important work that was done under his direction, giving the credit to his graduate students.

In 1981, having sensed that it was time to start something new because, as he put it, he began to bore his younger friends by saying gloomily when they came with bright suggestions that "we tried that 20 years ago. and it didn't work", he turned his attention to the continental rather than the oceanic crust. His friend Jack Oliver, at

Cornell University in the Unit-

ed States, had shown that with appropriate care you could use conventional seismic reflection techniques developed by the oil companies to look much deeper than they did, to the base of the crust and beyond. Matthews started a research group in Cambridge to do the same. Characteristically, rather than allowing this change of research direction to close down the Cambridge marine group he had led so effectively, he chose instead to resign his university post to allow a marine group successor to be appointed, and he out himself on temporary research money along with the rest of his new research group,

Thus was born the British Institutions Reflection Profiling

Syndicate (Birps). It is a measure of his wry sense of humour that the second word was originally "Universities", but "Burps" as an acronym was perhaps more than his research council paymasters could stomach. The Birps group under Matthews's leadership was as successful as his marine group enterprise: it set new standards

for deep crustal imaging, routinely recording complex and hitherto unknown structure in the lower crust and upper mantie, at depths of 10 miles and more below the surface. To geologists used to looking just at the surface outcrop of rocks, of-ten, as Matthews himself put it, "scratching around in rabbitholes", this added a whole new dimension to understanding the geology of a region. In 1990, after a warning heart

attack the previous year, Matthews took early retirement and spent the rest of his life gently encouraging his many friends and former students. He continued his lifelong enjoyment in sailing, first on a yacht and later, more genteelly, around the rural waterways of England on a small canal boat. It is a measure of his mature

leadership qualities and of the confidence and scientific rigour Sandie Adam; died that Drum Matthews instilled in Somerset 20 July 1997.

his students that both the research groups he built, the Cambridge marine group and Birps, continued to thrive after his departure. And perhaps the strongest testament to his scientific legacy is the many former students now in positions of leadership and responsibility elsewhere: between them they continue to make significant and ongoing contributions to the health of science around the world.

Bob White

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Drummond Hoyle Matthews. marine geologist: born 5 February 1931; geologist, Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey, 1955-57; Research Fellow, King's College, Cambridge 1960-66; Senior Assistant in Research, Department of Geodesy and Geophysics, Cambridge University, 1960-66. Assistant Director sity 1960-66, Assistant Director of Research 1966-71, Reader in Marine Geology 1971-82; Fellow. Wolfson College, Cambridge 1980-90; Senior Research Associate and Scientific Director, British Institutions Reflection Profiling Syndicate (Birps), Cam-bridge University 1982-90; FRS 1974; married 1963 Rachel Mc-Mullen (one son, one daughter; marriage dissolved 1980), 1987

Rosalie Crutchley

In her first film, Rosalie Crutch-ley is asked by her former boyfriend how she has been do-boyfriend how she has been do-former multaneously in each city then muchanging for the second week Crutchley's first television ing and replies, "Me, I've had one smack in the face after another." Later she is strangled to death. The role was symptomatic of the sort of parts for which the actress became best known – dour, pessimistic.

rarely smiling.

She was often cast in foreign roles ("I do not know why this should be," she said. "Perhaps I look foreign"); her thin face, dark hair and luminously large eves were well suited to tragedy. and she won acclaim for frequent appearances on stage in the Greek classics. Not sur-prisingly, she twice played the wicked Madame DeFarge in A Tale of Two Cities, but typecasting should not obscure the fact that she was a fine dramatic

Her theatre work was lauded by such critics as Kenneth Tvnan and Harold Hobson and she was consistently in demand for films, while her work on television and radio was enormously prolific. Within the profession, "Bun", as she was affectionately known, was both respected and liked.

Born in London in 1920, she trained at the Royal Academy of Music before making her acting début in 1938 with a nonspeaking part in Saint Joan at the Liverpool Repertory Comnany, and the following year became a member of H.M. Tennant's repertory company which shuttled between Edinburgh and Glasgow. Michael Denison, Dulcie Grav, Sonia Dresdel and Cyril Cusack were other members of the group. House at the Lyric Theatre, af-

of the run. Crutchley made her first West End appearance in 1943 alongside John Gielgud in Love for Love, part of a Gielgud-Peter Brook season which also included The Circle and A

Midsummer Night's Dream. In 1947 she made her first film, Take My Life, the directo-rial début of Ronald Neame and an effective thriller in which Crutchley had only two scenes, as a violinist and former mistress of an opera star's husband (Hugh Williams). but made a strong impression, par-ticularly in the murder scene where she spitefully taunts her In Prelude to Fame (1950), she

movingly presented the dilemma of an Italian peasant persuaded to relinquish custody of her musical prodigy son (Jeremy Spencer), and the following year journeyed to Rome to play Acte in the lavish spectacle Quo Vadis? Other film roles included Multa Story (1953). The Spanish Gardener (1956). A Tale of Two Cities (1958). The TV children's programme Nun's Story (1959) and Sons and Jackanory, and appeared in

She made her Broadway début in a stage version of Graham Greene's The Heart of the Matter in 1950, and in 1952 had one of her greatest personal triumphs in the West End production of Charles Morgan's The River Line, playing Marie, the stoic leader of an escape movement during the Second World War. The same year she made her last stage appearance. as Kristine Lynde in A Doll's

appearance was as Juliet in Michael Barry's BBC production of Romeo and Juliet (1948), and numerous roles followed in both classic and new plays, se-ries and serials. In 1956 she was voted Television Actress of the Year for her performance in Black Limelight. Other notable roles included Madame Danglers in The Count of Monte Cristo, Mrs Sarti in Galileo, DeFarge in the 1960 television adaptation of A Tale of Two Cities, Katharine Parr in both The Six Wives of Henry VIII (1969) and Elizabeth R (1970). Civiennestra in Electra (1974), Jocasta in an Open University production of Oedipus (1976). Simone in the television movie The Hunchback of Notre Dame (1981): and episodes of such se-ries as Miss Marple. Poirot, The Prisoner and Casualty.

She provided the narration for The Troubles (1981), Thames Television's five-part series on Northern Ireland, was an effective story-teller on the BBCrole was an amusing cameo as a brusquely inquisitive guest in Four Weddings and a Funeral

Rosalie Sylvia Crutchley, actress: born London 4 January 1920; married first Danson Cunningham (marriage dissolved), secondly Peter Aslunore (died 1997; one son, one daughter, marriage dissolved); died London 28 July



'Perhaps I look foreign': Crutchley in 1947. Her thin face, dark hair and luminously large eyes were well suited to tragedy

Chuck Wayne



Wayne: assured place in jazz Photograph: Redferns / William P. Gottlieb / Library of Congress

Musicians on the whole are averse to the banjo. In 1963, in a move totally out of character for such a sensitive musician, the guitarist Chuck Wayne tried to bring the banjo into modern jazz, playing lines that had been used by the influential Charlie Christian on the guitar. There's a banjo boom in the offing," Wayne said confidently, and recorded a long-vanished album on the instrument. All those with perfect pitch (the ability to throw a banjo into a skip without it touching the sides) must be grateful that he

proved to be wrong. Chuck Wayne's family had come to New York from Czechoslovakia and his musical career began when he played with a balalaika band. He also became an expert mandolin player. When his balalaika warped he threw it away and bought a guitar. He worked fulltime as a lift operator at the beginning of the Forties and spent his evenings in the jazz clubs on 52nd Street, at that time the crucible for the development of modern jazz.

He worked in bands led by

the pianists Clarence Profit and Nat Jaffe before his army service. Released in 1944, he immediately moved to the higher echelons, working with leading figures in the emergent Bebop music such as Dizzy Gillespie, Jay Jay Johnson, Lee Konitz and Bud Powell and playing in the band led by the clarinettist Joe Marsala at the Hickory House from 1944 to

Wayne replaced Billy Bauer

in the Woody Herman band in 1946 and drew universal attention with his first recording with the band, the classic "Sidewalks of Cuba", where he shared the solo space with the remarkable trumpeter Sonny Berman. Wayne's cultured and flowing style, mixing chords and single-line styles, gave him a much more prominent role in the band than Bauer had had. When the band's planist and composer Ralph Burns wrote his "Summer Sequence" suite, he based it largely on the solo voice of Wayne's guitar. The band later recorded

"Early Autumn", a fourth movement to the suite which

Mr Lionel Bart, composer, 67; Mr

was the first feature for Stan Getz. This became one of the ultimate jazz classics, and the suite and Wayne's place in jazz

was assured. His work with Herman proved to be his only jazz big band experience and ever afterwards he worked with small groups, most notably with the popular George Shearing Quintet, for whom he worked from 1949 to 1952.

The delicacy of his playing made him especially suited as an accompanist and he toured from 1954 to 1957 backing Tony Bennett. Later he worked with Frank Sinatra, Barbra Streisand and Sarah Vaughan and became a singer himself, working in a duo with the husky-voiced Morgana King.

Wayne was a composer of great ability, writing the music for the Broadway production of Tennessee Williams's Orpheus Descending in 1957, Miles Davis appropriated Wayne's tune Sunny" and recorded it as Solar" with the composer credit given to Davis. In 1959 Wayne became a studio musician and composer for CBS, at the same time leading his own groups and

teaching guitar privately. He also studied classical guitar, appeared in a multitude of television programmes and made many recordings in jazz and other musical styles. He was involved with more Broadway shows, including The Nervous Set and Copper and Brass. In 1973 he wrote the score for the documentary film The Mugging at a time when he was frequently called on to play in concerts, jazz clubs and guitar

The list of his recordings reads like a jazz history, for be appeared in groups led by Dizzy Gillespie, Coleman Hawkins, Jack Teagarden, Tadd Dameron and Claude Thornhill, among innumerable others.

During the last years of his life Chuck Wayne was handicapped by Parkinson's disease. although he still played occasionally.

Charles Jagelski (Chuck Wayne).

guitarist: born New York 27 February 1923: died Jackson, New Jersey 29 July 1997. elist and poet, 1819; Dame Emilie Rose Macaulay, author, 1881.

Alan Roger

Alan Roger was one of a small group of enthusiasts for Japanese culture who created the Bonsai Kai over 35 years ago, exhibiting regularly at the Chelsea Flower Show ever since. There are now over 100 Bonsai Societies. He also served as a judge on Floral Commit-tee B of the Royal Horticultural Society, and wrote the RHS's booklet on bonsai, one of its best-sellers.

As a dedicated plantsman, he took delight in improving the garden which he found at the family home Dundonnell, at the head of Little Loch Broom in Wester Ross. He also took a close interest in the cultural life of Scotland, serving as a Trustee of the National Galleries of Scotland, and chairman of their Modern Art Advisory Committee at an important time in the development of the collec-. tion. He was devoted to the work of the National Trust for Scotland, and, although he was never an assertive member of any committee on which he sat. his advice was always sound. He worked best supporting others out of committee, offering his extensive knowledge quietly and unobtrusively, as he had so he brought with him his Chinese successfully in his earlier career

Roger became a Vice-President of the National Trust for Scotland, having been in turn a member of Council and the Executive Committee. employing his expertise on its Curatorial and Scottish Gardens Committees, as well as serving as a Trustee of the Crarae

Garden Trust. His father was Sir Alexander Roger, a self-made man from west Aberdeenshire, and a towering figure in the business life of the first half of this century. His wife, Helen Stuart Clark from Argylishire, renowned for her style and good taste, created the comfortable and affluent home in Radlett, Hertfordshire, in which their three sons, Alan, Bunny and Sandy, were

to grow up.
The entrepreneurial Sir Alexander had invested in the Kansas Automatic Telephone Company. The Wall Street crash of 1929 put an apparent end to that, but, to the amazement of the family, the company resurfaced with considerable profit in the 1950s. This enabled the three brothers to faifil a long-held wish to return to their roots by owning a property in Scotland. They eventually found Dundonnell. A foursquare Highland house of 1769 which had formerly been owned by the Mackenzies, who had succeeded the Macdonnells of Glengarry, it came with an estate of 33,000 acres in an area of considerable scenic beauty.

The acquisition of Dundonnell was a watershed in Alan Roger's life. Born in 1909, he had been to Elstree, going on to Loretto in 1922 and then to read History at Trinity College, Oxford. There he was joined in succession by his brothers, Bunny going to Bal-liol and Sandy to Christ Church. Alan and Bunny were closer in age and enjoyed the somewhat louche atomosphere of Oxford at that time. Alan became a partner in the

stockbroking firm of Norris and Oakley and was a family company director. At the out-break of the Second World War, already very much involved in the work of the British Red Cross Society, he served with the Red Cross in France, escaping at Dunkirk in June 1940. He was then engaged on a Ministry of Supply mission to India, and subsequently joined the Indian Army (Bunny, always funny, referred to it as the "Afghan Hounds"). Ending the war as a Lieutenant-Colonel, he continued in the War Office from 1945 to 1952, with postings in India. Persia, Iraq and Hong Kong. Later, he would deflect any dinner-table quizzing as to what he had been up to there with, "Oh, just this and that."

He was sent to Hong Kong shortly after the defeat of the Japanese in order to deal with the re-settlement problems. Returning to London in 1952, manservant, To Kamwing, who subsequently chose a wife from Hong Kong, and they together with a growing family of three children lived with Alan Roger, the children being educated as members of his extended

From 1953 to 1979 he was once again a director of various public companies. He lived first in Walton Street, later moving to a grander house in Egerton Crescent as the To family increased in equal proportion to Roger's remarkable collection of contemporary art, Chinese treasures and Regency furniture. Together with his brother Bunny, he collected the work of Edward Burra, relishing its sardonic humour mixed with a surrealistic intensity.

He also encouraged William Gear and Keith Grant, whose visits to Dundonnell certainly influenced his later work. He owned an important sculpture by Germaine Richier, but his patronage of the work of the ceramicists Lucie Rie and Hans Coper was the most significant. He commissioned from Rie a unique porcelain dinner service for his Chinese banquets. He also inspired Coper and Rie to produce special containers to house his bonsai collection, which was displayed in the gardens at Dundonnell.

In 1982 he moved from Egerton Crescent to Clapham, telling his friends that he was "a refugee from SW3". This move enabled him to help the nearby Trinity Hospice to develop its water garden, introducing a kinetic sculpture by George Rickey, a favourite perch of the ornamental ducks. At the same time, he was an influential Council member of the Contemporary Arts Society, from 1980 to 1990.

He was devoted to his homes both in London and Dundon-nell, moving regularly between them throughout the year. Accompanying him in his Rolls-Royce on the narrow Highland roads "with passing places" was not an experience for the faint-hearted. He took a particular interest in the changes introduced at the neighbouring Inverewe Gar-den, where he was influential in replenishing its collection of old-fashioned roses, previously established by Mrs Sawyer, the daughter of its creator, Osgood Mackenzie.

Many will recall the pleasure he took in being the perfect host at Dundonnell. Roger was never happier than when blending friends from London and the West Coast, from all walks of life and of all ages. He had no prejudices about people. He and his brother Bunny gave an annual New Year's Eve party. On one memorable occasion all power failed but the Scottish dancing continued into the small hours



Roger: 'Oh, just this and that'

by the light of candles reflected in the mirrored Gothick dance-hall which they had built specially for the purpose.

The excellent food prepared by Kathy MacSporran, especially those incredible schoolboy puddings and custard which he adored, and which were the despair of his tailor, sustained the momentum of conversation at his round table. If there was any sign of a luli, Roger would say "Did I ever tell you about the time ...?" and off we would all go again. He supported the cultural life of the area based on the Ceilidh Place in Ullapool, and also patronised the concerts given in its village hall by the Scottish Chamber Orchestra on its annual Highland Tour.

Dundonnell became a social focus for the widely scattered but close-knit community of Wester Ross. The welcome which Alan Roger extended to all in the best traditions of Highland hospitality was sustained by the devotion of Kathy and Johnny MacSporran, especially in his last declining

Lester Borley

Alan Stuart Roger, gardener: born London 27 April 1909; died Reading 15 July 1997.

BIRTHS

CARR-WHITWORTH: On 7 July, to Caroline and Roger, a daughter, Ruchel May, a sister for James. JEZEQUEL / EDWARDS: Born 17 July 1997, to Megan and Jean-Pierre, a boy - Morgan Alexandre - and a little brother to Matiida.

DEATHS

STOKER: Richard Thomas, died suddenly and peacefully, 28 July, aged 80 years. A memorial service will be arranged later. All enquiries 01603

WILLIAMS: Eric. 2 March 1926 - 27 July 1997. A dearly beloved husband and father who was a positive presence in many people's lives. He will be greatly missed. In love and grati-tude, Irene, Chris and Sophia.

Births, **Marriages** & Deaths

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Birthdays

Derek Birdsall, graphic designer and typographer, 63; Miss Janet Gough, High Mistress, St Paul's Girls School, 57; Mr Frank Hauser. theatrical director, 75; Mr Jack Kramer, tennis player, 76; Sir Richard Lloyd Jones, former Permanent Secretary, Weish Office, 64; Professor Monty Losowsky, Professor of Medicine, St James's University Hospital, Leeds, 66; Maj-Gen Ronald Macdonald, 86; Professor Wyndraeth Morris-Jones, political scientist, 79; Mr Patrick Nixon, High Commissioner to Zambia, 53; Professor Benjamin Roberts, Emeritus Professor of Industrial Relations, London School of Economics, 80; Mr

Andy Roxburgh, football manager, 54; M Yves Saint Laurent, haute cou-turier, 61; Mr Jeffrey Segal, actor and playwright, 77; The Right Rev Professor Stephen Sykes, Bishop of Ely. 58: Professor Laurie Taylor, sociologist and broadcaster, 61; Mr John Tominson, MEP, 58; Mr Gwyn Ward Thomas, chairman and chief executive, Yorkshire Tyne Tees Televi-

Anniversaries Births: Claudius, Roman Emperor. 10 BC; Charles, third Earl Stanbope, reformer and inventor, 1753; Fran-

cis Scott Key, poet and attorney, au-thor of "The Star-Spangled Banner",

1779; Herman Melville, sailor, nov-

Deaths: Justin L Byzantine emperor, 527; Queen Anne, last of the Sruart sovereigns, 1714; Walter Geikie, painter, 1837; Sir William Robert Walter Ulbricht, East German leader, 1973. On this day: Christopher Columbus landed on Terra Firma (mainland America), and believing it to be an insignificant island, named it Isla Santa, 1498; the foundation stone of the Bank of England was laid, 1732; Joseph Priestley discovered oxygen, 1774; the new London Bridge was opened, 1831; slavery was abolished throughout the British Empire, 1834; the Rotherhithe Thames Tunnel was opened, 1842;

the Central Powers declared war on Russia, 1914; the XIth Olympic Games opened in Berlin, 1936; the first postcodes were introduced, in Germany. 1944. Today is Swiss Independence Day and the Feast Day of St Almedha or Aled, St Alphonse The Holy Machabees, St Peter Julian Eymard and Saints Pistis, Elpis and Agape (Faith, Hope and Charity).

Lectures

National Gallery: The Rev Tom Devonshire Jones, "Bits and Pieces (i): delible but durable. Leonardo da Vinci, The Last Supper", 1pm. Victoria and Albert Museum: Patricia Baker, "From East to West: the tulip motif in 17th and 18th-century Turkey and Europe", 2.30pm. Tate Gallery: Jason Rosenfeld, "Sir John Everett Millais (i): Pre-Raphaelite", 1pm.

Synagogue services

Details of synagogue services to be held tomorrow may be obtained by telephoning the following. Sabbath begins in London at 3.35pm.

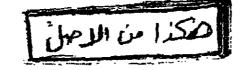
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Ethically, Labour must be on the side of the angels

and float up to the 18th floor of LCanary Wharf, appearing outside our windows with a halo, we should not be surprised. He is a man of utter probity and propriety (Tony Blair), a man of the highest integrity (Margaret Beckett), a prominent, successful businessman coming into government to work. unpaid, in the public service (Peter Mandelson). For all we know, the announcement of his beatification is imminent, from the Vatican or the British Institute of Management. whichever is the higher authority.

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Mockery apart, the Prime Minister is to be congratulated on his boldness in bringing talent, wherever it may be found, into his administration. Sadly, the pool of executive ability in the House of Commons does not to put it gently, fully reflect the number of MPs. Lord Simon is not only decent and honest; he is also an impressively able man, whose commitment to the concept of the single European market, from the point of view of someone who has run a successful international business, is a valuable asset to the Government. On balance, taking into account the moderate caveat that no one has voted for him, his appointment as a minister was to be welcomed.

But ... there are some serious buts. What a mess Mr Blair has made of this appointment. The botched handling of Lord Simon's translation to ministerial

office is not a trivial matter. Nor is it "synthetic twaddle motivated by spite from the Opposition", as Mr Mandelson charged yesterday, although John Redwood has certainly used the issue to show off the oppositional skills he honed during his internal exile. Mr Blair knows how important it is, which is why Mr Mandelson, Minister for Explaining the Higher Mysteries of New Labour, was put up on the Today programme.

Immediately after the election, Sir David became minister for competitiveness and the single market at the Department of Trade and Industry, resigned as £874,000-a-year chairman of BP and took the title Baron Simon of Highbury and Canonbury (the posh bits of Islington, for those benighted folk who live outside Blair-land). But no one seems to have thought about his £2m shareholding in BP. Mr Blair, his advisers and officials

had many pressing matters to attend to

at the time. But it should have been obvious, to a party that had spent much of the previous 18 years attacking the "gravy train" of politicians leaving high office for lucrative boardrooms, that there were dangers inherent in traffic in the opposite direction, from business to government. Lord Simon's own character is irrelevant; the appearance of a potential conflict of interest should have been avoided. As a minister, Lord Simon is responsible for a range of policies that could affect - mostly indirectly



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the profitability of his former company. Questions of Procedure for Ministers required ministers to dispose of investments "if it seems likely that any of them might give rise to an actual or apparent conflict of interest".

However, Lord Simon did not dispose of his BP shares. All he did was say that he would put his non-BP shares in a "blind trust" (which he did not get round to doing until after Margaret Beckett told the House of Commons it had already been done). Having overlooked the potential problem and been found out, the new government responded just like the old one,

with an unattractive combination of defensiveness, self-righteousness and injured innocence. This week's defence of its inaction is most unconvincing. Lord Simon could not have "disposed" of his BP shares because he might have been accused of profiting from inside knowledge about how the company's profits were about to plummet, according to the synchronised spinning of Blair, Mandelson and Beckett, Besides, said Mr Mandelson, what about Michael Heseltine and Paul Channon? Well, they are beside the point, because Labour ministers are supposed to be better than them.

all his shares into a blind trust? An independent trustee could have been empowered to dispose of them whenever he or she, without inside knowledge of the company, thought best. This point should not be swept aside so dismissively by Mr Blair and his ministers.

What is least attractive about the Government's behaviour, however, is that the Prime Minister has responded to the Opposition's "vile and scurrilous" campaign by rewriting the rules for ministerial conduct. The new code, published vesterday to replace Questions of Procedure, waters down the absolute requirement to dispose of shares in cases of doubt. In what will become known as the Simon Clause, ministers may now, after submitting their case to the Prime Minister, "take alternative steps" to prevent an actual or perceived conflict of interest. Mr Mandelson (a veritable Lewis Carroll, he) described the new rules as "tighter" than the old ones, and claimed they were "going to make life harder for ministers".

As the Prime Minister has acknowledged by publishing the new code, the issue is much larger than one honest man's complex financial arrangements (and we have not even mentioned the Jersey tax-avoidance scheme). It raises questions about the scope of the rules. Most of the business leaders who have been brought into government have not been made ministers: they head "task

Why could Lord Simon not have put forces, the latest management jargon. Their roles are advisory rather than executive, but, again, the avoidance of the appearance of a conflict of interest must be the absolute rule.

The pledge to clean up ethical standards in public life was central to Labour's promise on coming into office. Mr Blair rightly hammered away at the issue of sleaze. It was one of the anvils on which John Major's government was broken, and it is vitally important now that Labour should be holier than they.

No place for a Mir female

On Wednesday, Nasa paraded Wendy Lawrence at a news conference and announced she would be the next astronaut to join the Mir space station. Yesterday, they said a man would be going instead. Excuses they could have made: 1) She's got some important cookies to bake. 2) The men would have to put the loo seat down. 3) She might pull out the wrong cable. But, no, they chose 4) "She is too short." And the Russians then revealed that even shorter Russian men have used their one-size-fits-all spacesuits. Nasa's cack-handedness shows that it still thinks rockets are for boys. If only Buzz Lightyear were a girl.

• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

End to point scoring at funerals

Sir: Every time there is a feature on death a letter follows from the Humanist Association advertising the quality of humanist funerals (Letters, 28 July). I see no reason, however, why the deprecation of the "quasi-religious" funerals which I take it that people like me are alleged to offer, should go unchallenged. It is simply not true that it is only humanist funerals which celebrate life. Nor is there any case for saying that Christian funerals are not in any real sense for the bereaved.

Every day parish clergy conduct thousands of funerals for all sorts of people across the country. A few of these will be impersonal and inappropriate, but most will be taken by clergy who have spent time listening carefully and skilfully to those arranging the funeral. In mv experience such clergy are just as conscientious and compassionate as the humanists who long, for whatever reasons, to usurp them.

The enlightened social revolution to which Nigel Collins (Letters, 28 July) looks forward in this area would be much more attractive to me if the humanists dropped their tired old point scoring. Death and its rituals are a complex and sensitive subject. It is easy for those involved to get

something wrong. What is needed is an open dialogue between all those involved in, to use my language, ministering to the bereaved, which will improve the quality, dignity and significance of the personal care and public ritual which surround death in our complex society.
The Rev Dr STEPHEN CHERRY Loughborough

Sir: Thank you, Glenda Cooper "The British way of death", 26 July), for trying to cheer us up about death. But it won't work. No amount of flowers or pretty woodland graves can alter the solemn reality: death is inevitable and death is final, and most of us are frightened of it.

One of the problems with death is that it makes us face the fact that much of what we spend our lives doing is futile. Money, power, pleasure - they all slip away from us as death approaches. So we don't talk about dying, and we try not to think about it.

The essence of religion is the preparation for death, and for the ife beyond. Leave out God, and the futility of living and dying becomes almost unbearable. Don't tell me we're coping with death. We're just finding up-to-date ways of burying our heads in the sand. HUGH J THOMSON Birmingham.

Sir: May I agree with your correspondent, the Rev Simon J Reed (Letters, 30 July), that many ministers of religion do render true and rewarding funerals.

That some ministers do not is evidenced by the comments heard by humanist officiants, such as myself. Stories of families hurt by the blithe assurance and production line techniques of ministers come from many families

that we visit. The Rev Reed states "Humanists naturally have their own reasons for putting out a message that religious services are no good." No. that would be counter-productive and is not what Nigel Collins (Letters, 28 July) was saying and



Those that take humanist funerals are volunteers, as opposed to the salaried ministers of religion. All requests are referred directly by families and funeral directors that have witnessed our work. We do not advertise, yet the number of requests is increasing at more than 15 per cent per annum. A mighty social change is in progress and rather than being promoted by the humanists, it is at the direct request of the public. SIMON CALLEN Little Gaddesden, Hertfordshire

Sir. Instead of disputing the good and bad aspects of religious or nonreligious funerals (Letters, 28 and 30 July), why not discuss the bad aspects of any kind of funeral? Gienda Cooper's original complaint about the lack of significance of so many of them missed the point that many people feel the disposal of a dead body to be an inappropriate place for ritual and find most funerals to be both embarrassing and expensive.

My own preference is for cremation or burial to be a private matter for only the closest friends and relations, and for any public tribute to a dead person to take place at another time and place altogether, my suspicion is that this is a growing sentiment, and that funerals could decline along with weddings and christenings.

We are often told that man is a ritualistic animal, just as we used to be told that man is a religious animal; but the fact is that many men and women are neither, and we need no formal process to part with the dead any more than to join lovers or to greet children. NICOLAS WALTER Rationalist Press Association London NI

New Labour in Europe

Sir: Roy Hattersley, as a long-standing Labour Party member, is concerned about growing inequality and this government's lack of commitment to its amelioration "Labour's mission is power, not the poor", 30 July).

He is right to be concerned about the state of this country. Inequality has grown faster here than in any OECD country. Per capita income in the poorer regions of the UK is half that of some EU regions ie on a par with subsistence peasant economies of parts of southern Europe.

Lord Dahrendorf has pointed out that many people in work in Britain are poorer than the unemployed in much of northern Europe. New Labour's notions of inclusiveness can only be theoretical in this context. South Korean inward investment in South Wales, lauded by William Hague when Secretary of State, produces manufacturing jobs paying half that of a German shop assistant - and this government seems to be

continuing with these palliatives. In addition they are reliant on public services vastly inferior to those of their German counterparts. With such a large proportion of the UK workforce on very low salaries the Government expects them to make private

pension provision. Throughout the EU the redisributive character of progressive ncome tax is accepted, together

with the state's responsibility to provide good-quality public services. Unfortunately, the policies we have been following are those of the US, which does not accept these values. The EU average for what the state absorbs of national GDP is 50 per cent; it is 30 per cent in the US, while in the UK it is 40 per cent, falling to 38 per cent over the next two years.

I applaud the Government's stance that good-quality education be put at the top of the political agenda but this can reduce inequality only in the very long term. I also recognise that the British public is not yet psychologically prepared to accept higher tax rates. Ultimately, however, it is the responsibility of

not to follow it. General de Gaulle said that the British were not Europeans. Tony Blair and Gordon Brown will have to decide whether in fact we are. SIMON BRANDENBURGER

government to lead public opinion,

Sir: Roy Hattersley spends a fraction of his article discussing the minimum wage, for which the Government is seriously

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What does this tell us of Old Labour's priorities? They do not wish to face or achieve real change. They believe in the redistribution of money but what we need to achieve in quite large part is a new distribution of jobs and the wages that go with them. DAVID KINNERSLEY Chesham, Buckinghamshire

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GEOFF SIMONS

Stockport, Cheshire

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The writer is author of 'The

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Sir: I applaud your publicity of the outrage of continued British arms sales to Indonesia. May I highlight another issue, at least as serious which is receiving little attention and to which the "ethical" foreign policy of New Labour should be addressed. I refer to the continued economic sanctions on Iraq. This is a particular responsibility of Britain as a

permanent member of the UN Security Council. At the beginning of August the sanctions, imposed six months before the start of the 1991 Gulf

war, will have existed for a full seven years. The facts, derived mainly from UN sources, are not in dispute. The World Food Programme reported in 1995 that four million people, a fifth of Iraq's population, were starving because of sanctions. Unicef reported in 1997 that under-five mortality was 5,600 a month and rising.

Ramsey Clark, the former US Attorney General, estimates that sanctions have so far killed more including 750,000 children. Madeleine Albright, now US Minutes, 12 May, 1996) that sanctions had by then killed 500,000 children. She said: "We think the price is worth it, in

support of US policy.

The UN Genocide Convention condemns "deliberately inflicting

than 1.5 million innocent civilians, Secretary of State, agreed (CBS 60)

Sir: Perhaps the reason Emma

Cycling on a

Haughton and her family don't enjoy their holidays together ("Oh no! Not a holiday!", 30 July) is their chosen mode of transport?

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Stick four people in a car for more than a few hours and they are bound to get sick of each other. And even if the drive is short and the holiday base is a fixed one, kids need constant entertainment. Granted, not an easy task, so here's a suggestion for Emma and family: next year go on a cycle holiday.

The scenery changes every day, the speed of travel allows you to unwind, and cycling on traffic-free trails is safe. Kids love the independence cycling gives them and they're so puffed out by the end of the day they collapse into

exploration. The ever-increasing number of companies offering cycle holidays is testament to the appeal. Another big advantage? You can pig out and not put on a pound. Cycling burns off all those calorie-laden holiday

CARLTON REID On Your Bike The family cycling magazine Throckley, Tyne and Wear

Work fatalities need legislation

Sir: To describe a 20 per cent increase in the number of fatalities at work this year as a "rather tragic blip", in the words of Jenny Bacon, the director-general of the Health and Safety Executive, defies credulity. This is the largest single annual increase, Piper Alpha fatalities excluded, since the passing of the Health and Safety at Work Act in 1974. As the figures are provisional only, on past experience they will almost certainly rise further.

Critics of the previous Conservative administration have long argued that such a rise would be inevitable as the ideal of responsible self-regulation of workplace safety was supplanted by the crude economic imperatives of doctrinaire deregulation. It is time for New Labour to consider the enactment of a comprehensive new Safety and Health in the Workplace

This would replace a law that is currently so clearly failing in its key Objectives and that takes no account of the changes in employer power over the past two decades. Dr CHARLES WOOLFSON Deputy Convenor Centre for Regulatory Studies University of Glasgow Glasgow

Dyeing for a

Sir: John Lichfield, your Paris new hairdo correspondent, says the caption Freedom of expression begins on Sir: No great surprise that the walls" accompanying the poster Elizabeth Taylor is not dyeing her showing a detail of a mural from hair after an operation to remove the ruins of Pompeii is a "rather pompous slogan" ("French a brain tumour (Tabloid; "Grey matter: how Liz grew up", 31 confront the admen's naked truth"

I too had such an operation and was told never to have my hair dyed or even tinted. Why? Because these freedom of expression was born chemicals penetrate and seep through the skull and can cause severe problems. Such information s not openly declared by the imagery in modern advertising is a hairdressing industry; for obvious reasons.

Elizabeth Taylor will stay whitehaired for the rest of her life. Mrs S P THEINER

e-mail: letters@independent.co.uk. E-mail correspondents are asked to give a postal address. Letters may be edited for length and clarity. We regret we are unable to acknowledge unpublished letters.

America, land of the large

After two years of reporting from France, Mary Dejevsky is now covering the United States. She expected differences, but found that the two cultures are polar opposites

rap artist who styled himself "The Notorious BIG" was murdered, in a type of killing that is sufficiently common here to be known as a "drive-by shooting". The death of the man acknowledged to be leader of the "East Coast rap faction", and author of certain especially aggressive lyrics, prompted much comment about those who live by

the gun dying by the gun. For me. though, BIG had other connotations. I was just embarking on what must be one of the more startling cultural transitions in the Western world. From introducing myself "Bonjour, Madame, Monsieur [nod to both, eyes demurely lowered], permettezvous ... "etc, etc, I was learning the eyes wide, smile also, upfront American way: "Hi, I'm Mary, who are you?

As a rapper, BIG may have aspired to iconoclasm, but his chosen name seemed all-American, a testament to the cult of BIGness and self-advertisement. In France, where I had spent the previous two years, small is mostly positive. and discretion is a virtue. Petit(e) is a term of approval. endearment. Attached to any noun, from proper name to food item, it puts everyone in a good mood. "Big" tends to denote - aside from remote over, degrades two of the

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The French doubtless find their prejudice amply borne out on the streets of urban America. It is not only the cars; we Europeans have long been familiar with giant American gas-guzzlers. Nor is it the way they are driven, though the traffic alternates the somnolent with the brash.

It is that the general artless-

ness evident on the roads extends to the pavements, the pedestrians, the shops and a great deal else besides. Take the pavements. In French cities there is an unwritten rule: pedestrians keep to the right. The busier the street, the more rigid the rule. Collisions are rare. Americans bump into you all the time, with a cheerful "excuse me" if you are lucky. I am still unsure whether their reluctance to change direction is part of a survival-of-thefittest, who-blinks-first mindset, a lack of practice in city walking, or simply inattention.

You seem more likely to be mown down on a Washington pavement (by a Rollerblader, cyclist, runner or "powerwalker") than on the road. In a car you can get away with running through a red light, but failing to stop for a pedestrian at a corner must attract a penalty only just short of execution, so strictly is it observed.

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greatest pleasures of the Gallic world: shopping and eating. Try shopping, cooking - even eating - for one, even two (Europeans) in the US. All right, so the fridge and freezer are big enough to accommodate any volume of leftovers. But what do you do with two-thirds of a giant packet of taco chips if there are just two of you? Or the giant pot of mayonnaise, if you have no school-age children needing packed lunches?

The only smaller packs you can find are super-luxury embellished or imported versions at twice the price of the huge one. A recent survey found that around 40 per cent of food bought in the US goes to waste. It is not surprising, but it is hard also not to see the hand of profit at work.

The more positive explan-

ation would be the continual American craving for what is new and different - the dynamo of US inventiveness. The plain taco chip may be good enough for Mexicans, but not for Americans. The humble bagel, once consumed plain or with cream cheese - and smoked salmon on special occasions ~ now rivals the overover-iced, over-filled doughnut in its ability to re-create itself. The apple strudel bagel advertised on my route to work risks closing the circle: bagel or doughnut? What's the difference?

How different from France,

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where innovative chefs find mothers" how to use them, but

themselves pilloried for introducing a kiwi fruit where it is deemed not to belong, and where the art of cooking is an eternal quest for the perfect steack frites, magret de canard ot crème caramel. And while size has a place - nouvelle cuisine was never the excuse for meanness in France that it became elsewhere - judgements of value in the French-speaking world are made not on size alone. They rest on a "bon rapport qualité/prix," with its assumption that quality and price should be (and they

French shopper might well dismiss as too cheap to be good an Americansize pack of meat or biscuits. In France, it is common wisdom that the supermarket cake is quite a different creature from that of the specialist pâtissier. You choose according to your purse and your preference. Americans, with rare exceptions, buy on price, even if this entails motoring for miles chough driving is not nearly as cheap as the pump price of petrol suggests, because American cars are significantly thirstier than their European counterparts.

Sheets of grocery coupons, a discounting method that has almost died out in Europe, are still a part of American life. Social workers teach "welfare

the better-off also snip them out, to get their due from the traders. Maybe I am profligate with my cents, but I find the cost/benefit ratio of the coupons unconvincing.

My non-participation in the

coupon game is a small jab of rebellion against a system in which you are nothing but a consumer statistic. To my slightly abashed surprise, however, it turned out recently that there are others. An American columnist, Michael Lewis, recently boasted of being perhaps the only American ever to car. He said it was because he liked the unsalesmanlike salesman and found haggling demeaning. He wanted to apply the same principle to his shopping generally, and to campaign for what he called "new enlightened buying".

Lewis, in fact, is not as rare as he thinks; he is just un-American. There are millions of his "new enlightened buyers" in the world, many of them French, and their priorities are long established. For them, the seller/buyer relationship and the quality/price ratio are reasons for deciding where and what to buy. For those with the means to choose (and for some without), price is just one consideration.

The Americans and the French offer dozens of such cultural contrasts. Americans primitive and largely familiar

have a degree of probity, still, in public life, which the French can hardly imagine; the French have patronage. Americans have a truly admirable sense of individual responsibility and of their part in the collective. They clear up after themselves at McDonald's, they volunteer for good works, and they perform song-and-dance routines with a precision that puts many of the

world's armies to shame. You have only to see a French dance troupe's best efforts at synchronisation to appreciate the culture gap. As (professional) orchestra to play together only when he stopped drilling them and inspired them with his "vision" instead. They all started playing as one, each individually won over as to the rightness of his interpretation.

I will have to pass over the American/French difference in what the Americans have learnt, with awkward political correctness, to call "gender relations", as too vast an area to be tackled here. Suffice it to say that there are two poles of expectation, two poles of behaviour. For a woman, switching between the two cultures as they have developed in the Nineties is not easy; for a man it is probably harder still.

Such conclusions may seem little more than random anecdotes gathered to reinforce cultural stereotypes: the Anglo-Saxons vs the Gauls, Northern Europe is the Mediterranean. predominantly Protestant cultures vs predominantly Catholic ones. That would be a valid objection if this cultural divide were narrowing; but in fact it threatens to become an evergreater source of discord into

the next century.
Over 200 years, cultural differences have taken the Americans and the French from revolutionary alliance into fierce, if uneven, rivalry. Theirs is now one of the most fraught US conductor happily based and competitive diplomatic War world. If there are two ways of tackling and resolving one question, you can guarantee that the Americans will choose one and the French the other. From nuclear testing to Africa, from participation in international organisations to methods of aid-giving, from welfare to commerce, France and the US judge their prior-

ities differently. A pale reflection of this fundamental difference in mentality can be seen in Canada, though the more European style and outlook of Canada's English-speakers probably makes for less of a clash than there would be if Quebec were a part of the United States. It may also explain why Quebec has been able to retain its distinctiveness for so long.

But aspects of this cultural difference also exist, increasingly, within the US itself. The growing Hispanic community. with its language, Catholicism and Mediterranean ways, presents a cultural challenge to the US unlike any it has met before. The Latinos lack the discretion" of the French, but share many of their values; and their brash energy makes them more equal competitors with America's declining proportion of white Anglo-Saxon

lements of a similar system of values can also be found among those American blacks who benefited from the civil rights movement but have not been fully assimilated or made their way in white society. In and around Washington DC, which is more of a southern town than it is often given credit for, it is invariably blacks who display the manners, civility and humane flexibility with respect to rules that is such a characteristic of the Gallic world.

Any number of theories can be advanced to explain why, experience, via later urbanisation, to the existence of a more laid-back "southern" mentality. Many, however - especially whites – would deny such a difference exists, as though blacks are simply whites in waiting.

My sense is that there are real cultural differences here and that these are similar, in depth and in character, to the ones that cause the constant non-comprehension between America and France. Can it be that numbers of American blacks are as impervious to many aspects of "American" culture as are the French? Do they reject it for similar reasons - as lacking civility and flexibility, for a start? And could white America's big mistake, as with its attitude to France, be to act as though this cultural divide did not exist?

The hell:

Darling, your body's so evenly matched

i, my name's David. Can I buy you a drink? I may look pretty ordinary with my clothes on, but underneath baby, I'm ... symmetrical." At this point any rational woman should sit herself down, smile and begin to plan where the reception will be held. She now knows all that is necessary - for something

called "body symmetry" is not only a pleasing thing to the eye, but a crucial indicator of the intelligence, reproductive ability and even the lovemaking skills of any man.

This is why, a few days ago, a Dr John Manning of Liverpool University announced yet another study - this one funded by the hugely important Wellcome Trust - into the role of "cyclical asymmetry" on hormonal changes. Dr Manning already knows enough to assert that animals that are very symmetrical "live longer, run faster and are more attractive to the opposite sex". And this is not ust because a dog, say, with legs only on one side of its body has difficulty keeping up with the pack, or balancing itself during copulation. It is actually

between symmetry and healthy genes.
At this point I call upon

the expertise of Professor Randy Thornhill of the University of New Mexico. Professor Thornhill, or Randy, as I shall call him, measured the fingers, wrists, elbows, ankles and feet of 250 New Mexican students (not to be confused with new Mexican students). What he discovered was that the more 'symmetrical" men had more sexual partners and gave their lovers more orgasms. Symms invoked climaxes 75 per cent of the time (while making love, I presume), whereas asymmetricals managed a hit rate of only 30 per cent. I suspect that many New Mexican women students have been wondering how they have only ever managed to sleep with asymmetrical males. And, as if this wasn't enough,

symms actually produced more sperm than asymms. It is true that much of the evidence from the animal kingdom comes from a study of the Japanese scorpion fly, where the female is attracted to the male with the most

Randy also found out that



David **Aaronovitch**

symmetrical wings. And it is a shame that no studies have been done in animals a little closer to Homo sapiens than the scorpiou fly, like, er, just about anything. But, if you think about it, some of it makes sense anyway. A chap can have two perfect, limpid blue eyes, but if one is a foot lower than the other, the effect is somewhat spoiled.

Randy thinks that symmetry is an "evolutionary genetic marker" and that its degree "shows how well an individual's genes deal with the insults that life hands out". Those whose genes have handled things badly begin to go all lopsided, while those with better genes do not.

This is, in many ways, rather counter-intuitive (if not unwelcome). Symmetry, as I understand it, means to be exactly the same on the left-hand side as on the right except mirrored (it wouldn't be symmetrical to have two identical left-hand sides of one's body tacked together. with a bit of liver, say, resting on a hip). Symmetry doesn't mean, either, to be the same above the waist as below. Unless one was being scrutinised by something

sitting on a vertical plane. But if this is genuinely the test, then you could be a stick insect look-alike, or a steatopygous rhino type, and still be immensely attractive ~ just so long as you were. exactly as skinny or obese on one side as on the other. In fact a big, fat, totally symmetrical bloke could be considered more beautiful than Michelangelo's David, who is - in one tiny but

crucial respect - lopsided. So I predict that when this unexpected message finally sinks in there are going to be some fairly profound consequences. Cosmetic

surgery will stop being about bulk and reduction, and become a matter of injecting new balance. "Bigger, smaller, who cares? Just make 'em the same!". customers will cry. Size really won't matter, but bend certainly will. Mea, when asked on which side they dress, will indignantly tell their tailors that it "hangs straight down the middle," and Turkish drop-crotch trousers will be very much in vogue. New-born babies will be scrutinised for signs of differential droop; insurance companies will ask prospective policy-holders for measurements of symmetry or degrees of deviation, and actors will never, ever claim that this is their "good side". Culture, too, will change. We will hear no more the old

La Rochefoucauld saw about true beauty being flawed. Instead Jackie Collins novels will record intimate and passionate discussions, including lines such as "Darling, darling I love your wrists. They're so similar," and, "Your breasts are perfect. I've just weighed them and they're exactly 2.75 kilos each."

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The bells toll once more for the established C of E

n Harley Granville-Barker , 1907 play Waste, dazzlingly revived by Sir Peter Hall at the Old Vic earlier this year, the hero Henry Trebell is a charismatic MP who stakes his career on introducing a bill to dises-tablish the Church of England. Everything about Waste is won-derfully modern: the powerplay within the Cabinet, an upwardly mobile parliamentarian brought down by the pregnancy of his married mistress, the hero's inner conflicts between ambition and principle. Everything, that is, except the subject which Trebell makes his life's work. Through much of the 19th century and up to the First World War, disestablishment was a cause cherished on the reforming left. Now it has a pleasantly archaic flavour: it's hard to see what all the fuss was about. And it isn't easy to imagine, in 1997, a radical politician making his name by campaigning to sever Church from state. Not yet it isn't, anyway. But this is a cause whose time may have come again. When Tony Wright MP, a fellow protomoderniser of Tony Blair's and PPS to the Lord Chancellor, vig-

orously denied in a radio interview that "the sky is going to fall in" if Prince Charles marries

Camilla Parker-Bowles, his

remarks were slightly misun-

derstood. First, he was assumed

to be carrying a message from Mr Blair that the PM would advise the Queen when the time came that the marriage would be a good idea. He wasn't. Wright is an intelligent politician, perfectly capable of thinking for himself. Second, the widespread fascination with the question of whether the heir to the throne will marry his mistress eclipsed the other important point Wright was making. This was that the only reason that there was a problem at all about Prince Charles's marital plans was his role as Supreme Governor-designate of the Church of England. If the monarch wasn't Defender of the Faith, a third of the Anglican clergy wouldn't have said in a recent survey that they would not swear allegiance to Charles if he became king. As Wright put it, either Charles gets married or he is told by the established church that he can't - "in which case we shall have a constitutional crisis and it will end in disestablishment".

There are other issues. One is a bubbling disnute over whether the main focus for the more spiritual side to the millennium celebrations should be a service at St Paul's attended by the Queen, or a more "inclusive" event in keeping with Prince Charles's desire to be Defender of "Faiths". Another is the idea, floated with great tentativeness by Jack Straw this week, of a law against religious discrimination. Such a law, if it ever came to pass, might raise some tricky constitutional questions about the privileged status of the Church of England. Could there, for example, any longer be a bar on members of the Royal Family marrying a Roman Catholic - or on Catholic bishops sitting in the Lords? And finally, there is the long-term future of the Lords. What place would

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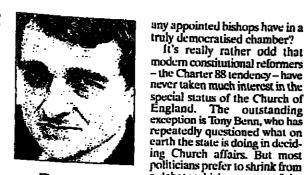
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Donald **Macintyre**

Divorcing church from state used to be a cherished cause for reformers Its time may have come again

heart and structure of our nation". Others point out that the disestablishment of the Church of Ireland (in 1869) and of the Church of Wales (in 1914) took place precisely because only a minority were practising Anglicans, and that this is true of England now; that neither of those countries became less religious because of disestablishment; that the Church has forfeited its control of its own affairs, not least to prime ministers who can and do appoint their own preferred candidates as bishops; and that separation from the state would, if anything, reinvigorate the Church, not to mention give it more political freedom to attack the govern-

ment - for example, on its policies for the poor.

any appointed bishops have in a truly democratised chamber?

modern constitutional reformers

- the Charter 88 tendency - have never taken much interest in the

special status of the Church of

England. The outstanding

exception is Tony Benn, who has

a debate which was part of the

common currency of political life a century ago. Establish-ment, after all, is one of the

unseen bonds which has tradi-

tionally held together what used to be called the ruling class. In

particular, it is what invests the

Royal Family with some of the

ancient mystique which at least

some constitutional reformers

would like to strip away. The

result is that most of the mod-

ern case for disestablishment has

been made by churchmen them-

selves. There are, of course, two

views. Some, led by the present Archbishop of Canterbury,

argue that it would be a "state-

ment that this country is turning

its back on the Christian reli-

gion" and that establishment

puts the Church "at the very

it's really rather odd that

As it happens, there is a halfway house. The (Presbyterian) Church of Scotland is "established" but in a sense very different from the Church of England. The monarch is charged by the 1707 Act of Union to "maintain and preserve inviolably" the Kirk. But she isn't a member of it (indeed she is obliged constitutionally to be an Anglican). And control of its affairs rests entirely with the venerable Assembly of the Church itself. Vernon Bogdanor, in his book The Monarchy and the Constitution. doubts that the doctrinally much less uniform Church of England would hold together if it was separated from civil authority in the way the Church of Scotland is. But not everyone in the Church of England would agree - and anyway, that's a matter for the Church. Ministers would certainly worry that even partial disestablishment on these lines might be an unravelling too far of the British constitutional settlement. But it would be strange, with an administration already embarking on the most comprehensive programme of reform this century, and a difficult Royal problem looming on the horizon, if the issue did not creep back on to the political agenda.

Aristotle knew it, but we've forgotten

by Sara Maitland

tion. Education. The Government declared its three election and has followed them through energetically, "doing something almost daily - urg-ing parents to read with their children for 20 minutes a day, welcoming the Dearing report, offering knighthoods to successful head teachers and even finding more money (not enough) for our creaking schools system.

But listen carefully, because what is being talked about may not be education at all in the old sense of the word. There is a real danger that what is being urged upon us (and in fairness what we as a society seem to be asking the Government to deliver) is a very narrow band of a larger educational spectrum: the pragmatic bit - skills, vocational training qualifications.

"An education which is not an education of the heart is no education at all," wrote Aristotle - using heart not as the seat of amatory emotions, but as the location of what is truly human. It is hard not to feel that we have abandoned such a concept, and see education now as an entirely functional activity. There are good cultural reasons for defending the old-fashioned liberal (or humane) educational ideal.

Britain is notorious abroad

for the contempt and suspicion in which we hold intellectuals. A recent survey found that the nation's most popular poem was Kipling's "If": "If you can think and not make thoughts your master/If you can dream and not make dreams your end ..." etc etc is rated above Wordsworth's or Houseman's rural romanticism, or Owen's and Brooke's tragic patriotism, higher even than Shakespeare's lyricism, wit and psychological insight. The mad professor, the bumbling academic, the nerd or swot, the blue-stocking, the effete poet, are all stock joke characters for us – even wearing glasses is mildly humorous. along with all contemporary art, most European thought, and anything that can be called "ideological". Philosophy is about the only subject in which you cannot do a GCSE. In fact, without wishing to extol the honours system, it is pretty typ-ical that you can give knighthoods to sporting heroes, but giving them to schoolteachers is considered bold and innovative. So perhaps we should not be entirely surprised that our attempts to expand and improve the education system do not



Birthplace of an educational tradition: pupils in the gardens of Plato's Academy

Mary Evans Picture Library

We see education now as an entirely functional activity. There are good cultural reasons for defending the old-fashioned liberal ideal

education at all. We do not value education for its own sake, even though we think we do. I am presently a writer-in-

residence in a prison. Here, full-time education is the worstpaid work that the prisoners can take - they are paid less to get educated than to be cleaners. You can earn more than £20 a week working in a textile shop and less than £7 getting educated. So, although nominal support is given to the idea that education has a rehabilitative role to play - and indeed that many of the inmates are there precisely because the education system failed them in the first place - it is not given a chance to compete on level terms. Moreover, the only full-time

education courses available are Adult Basic Education (remedial education) and Business Studies, Prisoners can, and do. volunteer for other educational activities - including GCSEs, Alevels, Open University

address this wider aspect of degrees, creative writing, arts and crafts and music - but they do so in their own time, or lose wages. One of the justifications I have heard for this peculiar discrepancy is that this is how it is "on the out", in the real world. My son is 15, he has just

completed his GCSEs. Since he was 13 he has studied nothing at school, except sport, which was not product-oriented - in which he was gong to get (we hope) a qualification. All his study has been based on completing a pre-planned and highly restricted course. If he has indeed been doing the amount of homework the school recommended he has had very little time for any independent study, such as learning a musical instrument, or even extensive reading. Is this a full and proper education? I am even hearing of pro-

posals that we should speed up degree courses: students should work much harder, more of the the course in two years. They probably could, even though many of them would have to be in part-time work as well, since they will be paying their con-tribution to their fees and will not be receiving maintenance grants. But is this education? Is really what we want?

Education used to have a far

wider purpose. It was meant to

give individuals some external reference points through which to become full "stakeholders" in their society - to become citizens. It was meant also to increase sound and creative thinking, and to enrich lives. It was supposed to enlarge the world - allowing a person to move from the domestic life of childhood into the social world of adulthood. Within universities people met not only their peers, but grown-ups as well the collegiate and tutorial systems were meant to encourage

fessionals but to develop civilised individuals. Now children are even more confined within the home, the world outside being perceived as too dangerous for them. Increasingly students in tertiary education are likely to be living at home as well. The onerous weight of administration and publication reduces the amount of time that academics have to associate with their students. We cannot seriously fool ourselves that we value education if we think that cramming courses into a shorter period of time will serve either society or individuals.

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Lest people should think that all this is solely an élitist ideal, it is worth noting that the old apprentice system served many of the same ends. Through the wider world of adulthood, and to a social context where the generations could mix and hand on traditions, and knowledge, as well as skills.

I am not saying that we do not need a trained, flexible and creative workforce. But I also think that we need to ask if we are developing the education most likely to produce civilised adults who seriously value culture, learning and themselves as designed not just to qualify pro- effective thinking individuals.

Could Robin Cook's bite be even better than his bark?

Now Britain is punching above its weight, says Steve Crawshaw

radually, very gradually, it is becoming clear. Dramatically so – and much more than is publicly acknowledged. The changes are for real.

Amidst the video screens and the designer backdrops at the new-look Foreign Office, it has been easy in recent weeks to feel that the medium is the message. For all Robin Cook's talk about an ethical foreign policy, it has remained difficult to get a handle on what that will mean. That has left room for much doubt. And, in the case of arms sales to Indonesia, it has caused much indignation, especially from those MPs and pressure groups who expected more from Mr Cook and felt disappointed. One explanation was that difficult nettles need to be grasped carefully. Sceptics felt that the issue had mercly been put to one side.

In Bosnia, there appeared to be halfgood news. The recent swoop on two suspected war criminals (one was seized, the other was killed after shooting at British troops) clearly moved the debate forward. Ministers boasted that British forces had carried out the swoop. And vet, there was still no hint that this was a British idea. On the contrary, if all seemed to be down to international

teamwork. But, if the whispers are right, it did not start as teamwork. The dramatic new policy - harking back to the Mad Max-meets-Reagan remark, "You can run, but you can't hide" - started "at the Cabinet table", in the words of one insider. The spin doctors are still curiously reluctant to admit this fact, as though leading from the front were a slightly dubious practice. This creates a curious paradox. The Foreign Secretary is ready to boast about the generalities of the policy, while failing apparently to make radical changes. And then, when a radical change does take place, it is officially brushed off as though it were

part of a natural game plan.

The previous government was always at pains to stay at arm's length from the Bosnian conflict, arguing that it was all to do with hidden tribal conflicts. While in opposition, the Labour leadership did little throughout the worst years of the Bosnian war to challenge that. It was left to Paddy Ashdown to talk of moral imperatives, as the slaughter continued and got worse. Both Conservative and Labour could afford to patronise Mr Ashdown – the leader of a little party, who did not understand what Real Politics were all about. Even at his most recent presentation

The dramatic new Balkan policy 'started at the Cabinet table'

of his policy this month, Mr Cook talked of the money that Britain was providing for the construction of a new court for war crimes in The Hague. It all seemed quaintly symbolic.

It now appears, however, that Britain not only played the key role in the recent snatch, but is also playing a leading role Britain seems keen to be perceived as in preparing for the next and most dramatic act: the possible seizing of the some private glory for itself. two most wanted men in Bosnia, Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic. If those two are not quivering, they should be. In effect, George Robertson, the Secretary of State for Defence, has been despatched by his Cabinet col-

leagues to find out what can be done. Douglas Hurd famously boasted about Britain punching above its weight". The reality was often the opposite. On European issues, for example, Britain was permanently sidelined, a political spittoon for any EU country that was feeling cross. On Bosnia,

debate was to stop things happening that might otherwise usefully have taken place. In effect, Mr Hurd insisted that punching was outlawed, because the

thugs needed a gentle talking-to instead.

Diplomatically, it makes sense that Mr Cook, who has this week been in Bosnia and Croatia, is not boasting about the role that Britain has played: there is no good reason to irritate the allies in Paris, Bonn and Washington by preening oneself centre stage. But it is refreshingly grown-up - surprisingly grown-up, some might say - if such a down-to-earth approach has taken hold. It provides double reason for hope,

too. Despite the seemingly empty razzmatazz of the presentation of policy, there is real substance behind the rhetorical point-scoring. That is in itself a reason to rejoice. Even better, though, are the signs that Britain is wary of claiming the credit. Not just in an Ian Richardson/Francis Urquhart "You might say that, I couldn't possibly... kind of way, but a genuine reluctance to take credit where credit is due. Bafflingly, given his previous form, Mr Cook was even cautious about bashing the previous government for its failures of Balkan policy, in his interview with The Independent this month. Above all, a Team Player, even when it might gain

Traditionally, the Americans have been much more gung-ho about Bosnia than the British (Tory or Labour) ever were. Now, the boot is on the other foot - for the first time, Britain really is punching above its weight. Admittedly, there is no proof that Mr Cook came to the Foreign Office with a firm agenda of toughening up on war criminals. On the contrary, there are indications that pressure from the Labour backbenches helped to change his mind. But Mr Cook deserves credit for picking up the ball and running with it. The deadly seri-Britain's main contribution to the ous game has, perhaps, only just begun.

The Cotswolds, theme park for Little Englanders

as anyone surprised that Stow-on-the-Wold parish v council threw out a perfectly sensible twinning agreement with the pleasant French town of Oudon, in the Loire valley? Not me. "This is not for any anti-French feeling," commented vice-chair-man Dick Glazier on the 5-1 vote against, "but because of my own personal feelings about the Euro-

pean Union." Glazier. The Cotswolds just wouldn't be the Cotswolds without you, nor would England be England. Just one thing, though: Woodchester Manor, a listed pile near Stroud, is being restored at the moment and you know where the stone they're using comes from? Burgundy, Mould-on-the Wold Colorific for comparison with

that's where - because keep up with demand.

Somehow, that's not surprising either. Because that's what they do in the Cotswolds, isn't it? In this, the most over-preserved, overpriced, over-privileged, itsy-bitsy little corner of Little England, and the epitome of everything that is wrong with our countryside. I loathe the place, as I loathe the architects of its mummification. I saw the tidiness of Moreton-in-Marsh, and immediately wanted to mess it up; I've visited the tea shoppes of Burford and been consumed by an urge to misbehave. Many of the locals are bad but the retirement crowd are worse - people with the money but not the imagination to live somewhere

hate the second-homers too, pos ing outside faux-rustic pubs in their four-wheel drives with their sprayon mud and their personalised number plates, their bonnet orna-

ments and their black labradors. The trouble with the Cotswolds is that it has lost its raison d'être. Its main function is no longer agricultural, but to look pretty - or what passes for pretty in the Little English mind - and when

that happens, countryside ceases to be countryside and becomes something else. Japanese tourists take it for a Disney theme park: Little-Snoring-inthe-Marsh, or Post man Pat's Greendale brought to life. (They're mistaken. of course. Greendale is too cosmopolitan

this place.) They 15 local limestone quarries can't come by the busload, and the Cotswolders, when they are not arguing about whether the verges should be mown or not, bitterly complain. Of course they do! Because to them, the Cotswolds aren't "the country" at all - they're extensions of their gardens, and the

tourists are merely trespassers. When did this happen? Do we blame Laurie Lee, the cider and wine cocktail man, who lived at Slad? Maybe it's Jilly Cooper's fault (how could Jilly live anywhere but the Cotswolds)? No matter - the place is long past saving. At least, now that they've extended the M40, you can get between London and points west without having to look at it.

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Labour's brave new world takes shape

City pleased with appointments of Clementi and King

Diane Coyle Economics Editor

The Government announced the appointment of two new deputy governors to the Bank of England vesterday, pleasing the financial markets with its choice of a prominent investment banker and the Bank's highly respected chief econ-

David Clementi, leaving his job as vice-chairman of Kleinwort Benson, and Mervyn King, architect of the Bank's quarterly Inflation Reports, were widely seen as likely to be tough on inflation and independent-minded.

Mr Clementi's appointment as deputy to Governor Eddie George was leaked last weekend and was revealed by Dresdner Bank. Kleinwort Benson's parent, when it reported its results this week. However, the Government's decision to name Professor King for the other deputy governorship, which will be created in the autumn by the new Bank of England Act. came as a surprise.

His elevation was viewed positively by many City economists. "He is the best choice they could have made," said David Mackie at JP Morgan. Professor King is seen as a leading candidate to become the next Governor of the Bank if the Government decides not to renew Mr George's contract next year.

Professor King joined the Bank as its chief economist in 1990 from the London School of Economics. His academic reputation had been cemented by his research on taxation, which helped shape the simplification of income tax and the use of the tax system to encourage saving.

He has played a crucial role in creating the inflation target framework for monetary policy and in restoring

credibility after the fiasco of "Black Wednesday" when the pound dropped out of the exchange rate

Professor King's presentation of the quarterly Inflation Report has helped carve him a high profile. He is seen as too hawkish by some commentators and has a reputation for not suffering fools gladly.

Mr Clementi's views about inflation and interest rate policy are unknown, but analysts were reassured by his prominence in the Conservatives' privatisation programme. He joined Kleinwort Benson in 1975. having qualified as an accountant at Arthur Andersen. As joint head of the bank's corporate finance division from 1989, he is credited with having rescued the privatisation of the electricity industry from disaster. He was also involved in the British Gas and Cable & Wireless sell-offs.

Professor King will have responsibility for monetary stability and the inflation target, while Mr Clementi will be responsible for financial stability and the running of the Bank of England. The appointments were part of Gordon Brown's reshaping of the Bank of England and of financial reg-ulation. The deputy governors' salaries will be similar to the £184,083 Mr Davies received last year.

Both deputy governors will join Eddie George on the monetary policy committee, which votes on the level of interest rates each month. Two other executive directors of the Bank, Ian Plenderleith and whoever replaces Mr King as chief economist, also have places on the committee, alongside four outside experts nominated by the Chancellor. On balance, the committee is expected to nudge interest rates up by another quarter point to



Comment, page 21 Mervyn King (right) on their appointments outside No 10 Downing Street

Davies pushes forward timetable for super-SIB

Financial Editor

The creation of a powerful City regulator is to be pushed through more quickly than expected by Howard Davies, who takes over today as chairman of the Securities and Investments Board. It is hoped the accelerated introduction of the proposed mega-regulator, widely known as the super-SIB, will minimise the risk of ineffective regulation during an extended transition from the existing two-tier system of financial supersisting pervision.

According to Mr Davies, who was until yesterday the Bank of England's deputy governor, the new structure will be broadly in place by next spring when responsibility for banking supervision is transferred from the

Mr Davies, a former foreign office high flyer whose career has included spells at management consultant Mckinsey and as director general of the Confederation of British Indusrry, said one of his first tasks would be to appoint a transitionary manment team. He said heads of frontline regulators such as the Securities and Futures Authority and the Personal Investment Authority would have "first crack" at the new jobs.

Other priority issues would include sorting out a modus operandi with the Bank of England, from which the super-SIB plans to take more than 500 banking supervision staff and with which it will need to work closely on matters relating to the stability of the financial system as a whole.

Mr Davies will also look closely at the level of practitioner involvement in the new regulatory structure and at how the super-SIB will be an annual budget of around £200m. but Mr Davies promised the costs of regulation would be "proportionate to the benefits".

He has also shortlisted several buildings in which to house the expanded regulator. With a requirement for at least 300,000 sq ft, speculation has grown that the super-SIB may have to locate in London's Docklands but the Corporation of London is sure to fight hard to retain such a high-profile tenant in the City itself.

Outlining the structure and timetable in a submission to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Gordon Brown, Mr Davies warned that a major focus of the supervisor would be on the high levels of remuneration in the City.

In an interview to be broadcast on LWT's London Programme this Sunday, Mr Davies will say: "What we are interested in is the incentives that are created by remuneration structures. The danger is that you generate a system which incentivises people to such a degree that they have a strong personal interest in taking risks with other people's money."

One of the key conclusions of the report to the Chancellor was a decision to adopt an organisation based on regulatory functions - policy, authorisation, investigation, consumer relations and supervision - rather than by type of institution. In order to capitalise on expertise, however, supervision will be further divided into units overseeing particular areas such as banking or insurance.

The new organisation, officially known as NewRO until a more meaningful acronym is agreed on, will not formally come into existence until 1999 when an updated Financial Services Act is expected to become effective.

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Daimler rejects overtures from BAe

Michael Harrison

The head of Daimler-Benz, the giant German aerospace and cars group, yesterday rejected plans being promoted by British Aerospace for the consolidation of Europe's defence and aircraft industry under a single holding

company.
Jurgen Schrempp, the Daim-ler chairman, said he backed the creation of joint companies in specific sectors such as missiles and fighter aircraft. But he was dubious of the idea of forming a holding company to oversee the consolidation. "I want operating companies. I have problems with holding companies," he told a conference in London where Daimler was appounding first-half results. Daimler is a partner of BAe

on the Airbus civil aircraft programme and the Eurofighter project and at one stage discussed the idea of cross-shareholdings to create a united European defence and aerospace business. Mr Schrempp said it was even more vital now that Europe's defence industry consolidated following the merger of Boeing and Mc-Donnell Douglas in the US.

The Daimler chairman said that without consolidation Europe's defence and aerospace industry would have "no chance against the Americans".

Daimler announced that firsthalf operating profits had more than doubled from DM800m (£265m) to DM1.8bn.

Chris Godsmark **Business Correspondent**

British Telecom's review into the MCl, has become much wider than previously thought, the UK group indicated yesterday, as executives again refused to say whether they had the power to renegotiate the planned \$20bn (£12bn) merger.

But BT faced renewed criticism from analysts when it revealed much better than expected first-quarter profits. One analyst accused the company of "a blatant fiddle", by

executive, said the review would operations and of the merger terms themselves. BT launched the investigation a fortnight ago after MCI plunged the merger into jeopardy with a shock profits warning. The US long-distance oper-

ator said losses this year from its drive into local phone markets would reach \$800m. double the level previously forecast. Sir Peter and BT's finance di-

temporarily slashing its redun- recently returned from a fact- have demanded information "not public" and BT "has not he continued: "I am employed between April and June, a 1.4 finding trip to MCI's Washing- much sooner. Sir Peter Bonfield, BT's chief ton headquarters.

include all aspects of MCl's of the situation. The market ment allowed BT to renegotiate attack on the local market given BT also ruled out raising its place is changing rapidly.... We are looking at all aspects of the deal," said Sir Peter. Figures this week added to MCI's woes by showing a slowdown in growth from its main long-distance

Sir Peter reiterated MCI's comments this week that the review would conclude in weeks rather than months and possibly by the end of Au-

BT widens investigation into MCI's prospects

"The review is a wide review on whether the merger agree- tance BT from MCI's bullish sure. But I'm not a quitter." the terms, short of pulling out altogether. This is a complex agreement interpreted by lawyers," Sir Peter added.

Last night there was growing speculation among analysts that the merger terms included a secret clause specifically banning renegotiation on the grounds of a deterioration in MCI's local business. In a separate briefing Sir Peter would only say some rector, Robert Brace, have gust BT's big shareholders clauses of the agreement were tives would be forced to resign,

publicised them".

by US executives this week. He said the "mutual review" would decide whether this strategy, which would raise investment substantially, was right, "Do they spend more, do they spend

less?" said Sir Peter. Responding to growing criticism from UK shareholders. Sir Peter admitted the events had dented the board's credibility. Asked whether British execu-

at the pleasure of the board and But he would not be drawn Sir Peter also appeared to dis-nobody is denying me that plea-

> £2bn special dividend of 35p a share, to be paid in September before the merger goes ahead. as a way of reducing the price for MCI. Investors in the US group will be paid partly in BT shares, but the UK company's share price would drop after the dividend has been paid out. A higher dividend would reduce the value of BT shares to MCI

investors. BT reported profits of £881m down 4p.

per cent increase on last year. But the figures were boosted by a drop in redundancy charges from £52m to £16m.

One analyst said last night: "They've been telling us the redundancy charge for this year will be about £200m. Prudency dictates they should be taking a charge of around £50m each quarter. But to continue with the bid for MCI they need to support the share price as much as possible by making the results look better than they really are." BT shares closed at 426.5p.

Roditi launches £31m bid for P&G

Magnus Grimond

Peace broke out yesterday between Plantation & General Investments and the Zimbabwean raiding party which hopes to turn this obscure African plantation company into the latest emerging market growth stock.

Nick Roditi, the fund manager linked with both George Soros and before that Lord (Jacob) Rothschild, has launched a £31.5m takeover hid for P&G after taking his stake to 43 per cent by picking up 14 per cent from his erstwhile adversary, Konrad Legg, the group's long-standing chairman. The offer came at the 11th hour to avert a showdown between the two sides at yester-

day's annual meeting. Mr Legg has been resisting attempts by Mr Roditi to have him removed and replaced by Mr Roditi's friends, fellow Zimbahwean and former Bank of England deputy governor, Rupert Pennant-Rea, and Derek Netherton, a one-time corporate financier at Schroders.

Now Mr Legg bas agreed to go quietly, pocketing around £3.6m and keeping a stake of just under 3 per cent in the company. Selwyn Pryor, another director, is also retiring, with Messrs Pennant-Rea and Netherton joining an other-wise unchanged board. The two newcomers pick up 500,000 options, exerciseable at the 80p offer price.

The bid compares with an indicative offer of 58p a share made earlier this year by Rovida, Mr Roditi's vehicle for the takeover, which was dismissed

as inadequate by the board. The shares rose 1p to 82.5p

Capital-Virgin referral to MMC stuns investors

Clifford German

Investors were stunned yesterday by a surprise referral to the onopolies and Mergers Commission of Capital Radio's planned £6.5m acquisition of Richard Branson's Virgin FM.

The Government's decision came out of the blue, shortly after a roling by the Radio Authority that the bid would not be against the public interest. It took that decision after Capital Radio had given undertakings to ensure the news broadcasts on Virgin FM channel would be separately produced and presented, that the total amount of rock and related music on Virgin FM would be limited to 20 per cent, and any relaunch of Virgin FM would be delayed until Christmas 1997. A joint statement from Cap-ital Radio and Virgin last night said they continued to believe the proposed deal had no competitive implications . "We believe that these views will be endorsed by listeners and advertisers to the MMC," the

statement said. Capital's shares fell 31p to 475p, although they later re-covered to close 15p down at

Capital has an estimated 42 per cent of the 9.8 million potential listeners in the London area and 62 per cent of the advertising spend, because of the preference of advertisers for the market leader and the higher charges Capital can levy for a given number of listeners. The addition of Virgin FM would give Capital 48.5 per cent of London's listeners and in excess of 70 per cent of the

Capital and Virgin also justify their merger on national grounds. Capital has only 8.91 per cent of the radio ownership and Virgin 4.3 per cent, and be-tween them they fall short of the 15 per cent ceiling imposed by the Broadcasting Act of 1990. Virgin has a national AM network, but Capital does not. Only by merging can they develop a digital AM channel to challenge BBC Radio in the na-

tional market. Chris Party chief executive of XFM, a station due to start broadcasting in September, project, since Exchequer Part-said the decision to refer the merger would allow the MMC to give clear guidelines on fair competition.

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advertising spend.

Geoffrey Robinson. the Paytions with the Treasury's preferred bidder, Exchequer cided they had other spending priorities and that the project to "significant financial risk".

A spokesman added that there were question marks over the commercial viability of the

Treasury ditches own PFI project

Michael Harrison

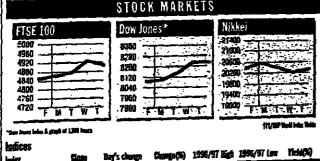
The Treasury yesterday abandoned one of the flagship proects in its Private Finance initiative - the £200m refurbishment of its own headquarters in Whitehall.

master General, said negotia-Partnership, had been terminated because ministers had demight expose the Government

nership had not been able to sign up other tenants for the building once it had been re-furbished. He also said that ministers had decided other PFI projects, such as schools and hospitals, were a "higher priority than a gleaming new building for Treasury staff.

However, observers ex-pressed surprise that the project had been dropped, suggesting it could only harm the battered image of the PFI.

A spokesman for Exchequer Partnership, a consortium of Stanhope, Bovis and Hambros. said: "Obviously we are disappointed that the project is not going ahead. A lot of work had



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being inflated'

Testing months ahead for super-SIB's chief

They are nervous of Howard Davies in the 1 City, a fact he's secretly rather pleased about. He's an outsider, whose two years as deputy governor of the Bank of England give him only a passing acquaintance with the institutions he oversees from today as head of the beefed up Securities and Investments Board. He is also razor sharp, with a depressingly good grasp of the issues for someone who has had such little time to read his way in That is just as well. Although better equipped than most for such a massive intellectual and managerial exercise, Mr Davies will need to draw deeply on his varied CV in the testing months ahead. None of the Foreign Office, Treasury, McKinsey, Audit Commission, CBI or Bank of England detained him for longer than six years on his relentless rise through the establishment. He will need all that experience, especially the early lessons in diplomacy, if he is to get this

Yesterday's interim report to the Chancellor on the proposed creation of the City's new mega-regulator - NewRO in the supervisor's charmless official-speak - gave little away that had not already dribbled out. It was predictably long on good intentions and short on specifies.

What was apparent, however, was the speed with which super-SIB will come into being next spring, de facto if not by then de jure. Mr Davies is plainly a man in a hurry, and with good reason. The greatest danger to the new unified regulator is that another

is even more the case for a single supervisor, which runs a serious risk of having its overall reputation muddled by a foul-up in one of its divisions.

The other potential headache for the new chairman lies in the scale of the unprecedented task of putting together nine diverse regulators that have grown up over the past 10 years or so with wholly different and possibly incompatible goals, remits and cultures. It is no coincidence that Mr Davies's first job will be to put in place a transitionary management team - a successful super-SIB will be as much about the right people as the

Bank appointments should ease doubts

The announcement of the names of two I new deputy governors at the Bank of England leaves one last thing for idle minds to speculate about. That is whether the Government will replace Eddie George when his term comes to an end next spring, and if so, who will step into his shoes.

Many people in the City would like to see Steady Eddie carry on. He is very much a banker's central banker, and would also ensure continuity at the Bank at a time of very radical change in its functions and organisation. However, the Government

banking community. It wants to make sure the Bank of England is broadly accountable and answers to the national economic inter-

est, so City preferences as such cut little ice with Gordon Brown. In addition, it sees Mr George's record as mixed, with a great improvement in the credibility of interest rate policy offset by doubts about the Bank's handling of the Barings crisis. Bank-Treasury relations are also unusually tense at the moment as a result of all the upheaval being inflicted on the one by the other.

The two names bandled about as possi-ble replacements for Mr George are Mervyn King, the Bank's chief economist who was yesterday elevated to deputy governorship, and Gavyn Davies, chief economist at Goldman Sachs and a columnist for The Independent. Both are known to want the job. Mr Davies is a friend of Gordon Brown, which some commentators think gives him the edge and others reckon puts him at a dis-

The markets would undoubtedly prefer the inside candidate, especially one with such purist views on the need for price stability. The Chancellor, on his past record, would probably like to spring a surprise.

However, vesterday's announcement

should reassure anybody who doubted Mr Brown's intentions towards the Bank. The delight of those who welcomed his move to make the Bank independent was tempered

needed to make. The two deputy governors named yesterday, like the outside experts on the Monetary Policy Committee, should set such suspicions to rest.

Shades of a Whitehall farce in PFI decision

The last day of Parliament is the traditional occasion on which to sneak out awkward government announcements and few fit the bill more exquisitely than the Chancellor's decision to ahandon the refurbishment of Treasury HQ as part of the Private Finance

Initiative. Since this was one of the flagships of the PFL the decision looks odd. It looks doubly strange since Geoffrey Robinson, the Paymaster General, has invested a good deal of his political capital promising to put the PFI back on track.

How the decision will play with the private sector partners Labour is so keen to cuddle up with as a means of saving on public expenditure remains to be seen. But taking nearly two years to select a preferred bidder, and then signing a heads of agreement only to terminate negotiations on the spot is hardly a ringing endorsement for Labour's attempt to portray itself as the natural party of business.

The fact that the heads of agreement was

Barings will show it to have taken its eye off that an eye on a wider audience than the by a suspicion that he would water down that the banking community. It wants to make sure independence through the appointments he to cut much ice.

The official line is that there were other more worthy PFI projects than tarting up the Treasury at this time of tight spending controls, etc etc, even though there is no short-age of money for PFI projects and, in any case, the financing is off-balance sheet for the Government - that being the whole point of the exercise.

The unauthorised version is that the Treasury has been caught with its pants down in a classic Whitehall farce. The refurbishment would have obliged the Treasury mandarins to move out for at least two years, possibly to an ageing office block south of the Thames in Vauxhall. When it moved back in it would have had to share its new accommodation with the Foreign Office, to make the project cost effective.

That in turn would have entailed the FCO finding tenants for its vacated property by Admiralty Arch, not to mention forcing Robin Cook to give up his grace and favour flat and move in with Gordon Brown. While we can only speculate on the personality clashes, we can be he sure that the FCO would have been left with a financial headache.

Still it is one less project that the Treasury's new PFI supremo, Adrian Montague, will have to worry about when he arrives later this month from Kleinwort Benson. Welcome to Whitehall, Mr Montague.

Dealers run out of R-reg cars as sales hit record

Chris Godsmark Business Correspondent

Building society windfalls and the post-election surge in consumer confidence look set to push new car sales this month to a record of more than 500,000, beating the previous peak set in 1989.

But customers hoping to take delivery of some R-registration models this month could be dis-

Dealers yesterday reported that stockpiles of some ranges. including Audi and BMW, had already run out. Other models in short supply were the Peugeot Mazda MX5 sports cars.

month, a 7 per cent rise from last year: "We are a demand-led company and supply con-strained. You might be able to walk into the odd dealer and still get an Audi for August, but most of our allocation has already gone.

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cent over August last year from An Audi spokeswoman pre- 479,407 to 520,000. The only

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Volvo has also attempted to

transform its conservative im-

age, launching sports versions

of its saloon range and a new

smaller car, which have been

well received. Analysts also

said the cash raised could be

Volvo sells stake in Renault for £450m

Volvo yesterday took the fi-nal step in its long-running di-vorce from Renault, by selling all its remaining stake in the French car maker for £450m.

Though the share sale had been expected, the Swedish group said the timing was dictated by the recent surge in Re-nault's share price. Volvo sold the 11.38 per cent shareholding to UBS, the Swiss banking group, for 750m Swedish kroner (£453m), which compares with the stake's book value of £58m. Leif Johansson, Volvo's pres-

ident, said the move confirmed the strategy taken by the group's new management since merger talks between the two anies collapsed four years ago. "We decided to take advantage of the rise in the price of the Renault share during 1997, which has been even more pronounced during the past week." Renault shares have risen by more than 40 per cent since the start of the year.

Volvo's long-running links with Renault, which has sup-

Martin Austin, managing director of Corby Motors, a large Northampton-based dealer chain, said that in each dealership at least one model range had sold out: "It is partly be-

cause manufacturers have cut production rather too far, and. have been slightly caught out." Car market experts yesterday

But Lex, one of the largest dealerships, said most windfall

money was going on used cars: People are spending the cash in the used car market which is pushing used values up generally. This in turn has enabled other consumers to trade up and buy new.` plied the Swedish company with Dealers also pointed to inengines and other components

time sales have broken through

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Despite the predicted im-

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creasing economic optimism driving the top end of the car since the 1970s, culminated in the merger proposals at the end market. Stratstone, a Porsche, of 1993. The announcement Aston Martin and Ferrari dealership in the Cheshire commuter belt, reported a 20 per public outcry in Sweden and a shareholder revolt, which led to cent rise in pre-booked R-regthe resignation of the entire istration sales. The 44 cars due for delivery

Volvo board, including Pehr this month, 36 of which were Gyllenhammar, the chief exec-Porsches, cost £3.3m. Long-term market trends

Since then the new executive also pointed to a humper August. Since the 1980s, team has steadily reduced Volvo's shareholdings in other August has taken a steadily businesses, including food and larger share of annual regisdrinks companies, to concentrations, much to the despair of trate on car and lorry manuthe car makers.
August 1988 represented 21.5 facturing. Yesterday's sale left just one remaining outside

per cent of the year's sales, whereas by 1995 it had risen to 24,1 per cent. The Society of Motor Man-

ufacturers and Traders recently urged the new Government to adopt a twice-yearly numberplate change to smooth sales

If the plan goes ahead, this August frenzy would be the last.

Chris Godsmark

Toyota, the Japanese car giant, could bring forward a decision on whether to locate a second European car plant in Britain, executives indicated yesterday as the company pledged to intensify its sales assault across the

Iwao Okijima, executive vicepresident, would give no clue as to whether the UK was on the shortlist. But he revealed that more than 30 sites had "extended" invitations to the com-

Early decision promised on site of new Toyota plant

Eastern Europe. Another site under consideration is believed to be in northern France. "We have not made any de-

cisions," said Mr Okijima. "We will come to a final conclusion by the middle of next year. However, we would very much

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pany, including several from like to bring forward the date turing operations. It recently ap-Eastern Europe. Another site of the decision and we are proved the expansion of its working hard to do so."

Before the UK election Toyota warned that the previous government's scepticism towards closer European integration could deter the group from adding to its British manufacproved the expansion of its only European car-making plant, at Burnaston in Derbyshire, to 220,000 cars annually, to build a second model range.

Capacity at its engine factory on Deeside is also being expanded to 200,000.

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effective from 1 August 1997

Mr Okijima said political considerations were just one of several factors. "Toyota has had a very favourable relationship with the previous government and we hope this relationship with the new Labour govern ment will continue." Managers praised efficiency strides at Burnaston, but said productivity was still 10 per cent below Japan. put said

Toyota predicted it would sell 450,000 cars in Europe this year, with sales in the first six months running 11 per cent

ploughed into acquisitions in Volvo's truck business. Hang Seng grabs sixth slot in world markets

Stephen Vines Hong Kong

Hong Kong's stock market capitalisation has increased by 58 per cent in the past year - more than any other market - according to figures released yesterday by the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong. This leaves Hong Kong as the

world's sixth-largest market, up from the eighth place it occupied a year ago. At the end of June, capitalisation stood at HK\$347.9bn (£27.6bn).

The rankings of the first five largest markets remained unchanged with New York leading the way, followed by Tokyo, London, Frankfurt and Paris. Although the London market was the fastest-growing of the top five, registering a 36 per cent rise in market capitalisation, its rate of growth was below the increase seen in Hong Kong.
The growth in market listings

again yesterday the Hong Kong market hit a new high with the Hang Seng Index closing at 16,365, a one day gain of 2.4 per cent in record trade with turnover soaring to HK\$28bn.

Much of the excitement in the Hong Kong market is a reflec-tion of Wall Street's seemingly unstoppable gains. The property sector, one of the most influential, has also shaken off the blues generated by expecta-tions of tough government measures to deflate property prices. Alongside these develop-

ments the market has been fuelled by the popularity of socalled red chip stocks, meaning companies with China connections. Much of Hong Kong's market capitalisation growth has come from new listings of mainland Chinese-owned and China-related stocks.

Anthony Miller, president of

is matched by something of a the merchant bank Asian Inbull run in the territory. Yet vestment Partners, reckons that talk about red chips showed "there are some definite signs that a mania is afoot". He sees this sector as an almighty bubble waiting to burst. Alec Tsui, the chief executive

of the Hong Kong exchange. was sensitive to suggestions that the market's growth was mainly attributable to speculative activity. He produced figures which, he said, showed that Hong Kong's market volatility was similar to other major markets in the world".

Volatility is generally mea-sured by what is known as annualised standard derivation of daily return, the higher the percentage of derivation, the higher the volatility and level of short-term speculative activity. Hong Kong's percentage rose from 1.06 per cent in 1996 to 1.21 per cent in June 1997 against London's 0.68 per cent.

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Strong pound hits Glaxo margins

Sameena Ahmad

Glaxo Wellcome, the pharmaceuticals giant, warned yesterday that the strength of sterling and increased marketing spend would mean a sharp fall in margins in the full year.

John Coombe, finance director, said that at current rates, the strong pound would impact full-year profits by 8 per cent around £240m off current forecasts of £3bn. However, as with all drug companies, sterling's effect will be mainly in translation of currencies rather than a direct financial impact.

erally weak sector, Glaxo's shares fell 38p to 1291.5p.

Speaking at Glaxo's results. which showed that half-time sales to June were up 8 per cent to £4bn in constant currency, Sir Richard Sykes, chairman, said falling sales in Zantac, the antiulcer drug which lost its US patent last week, had been more than compensated for by growth in new products.

Comparing Glazo's drug profile now to before the acquisition of Wellcome in 1995, Sir Richard said: "We have a wider, Mr Coombe said trading deeper, more balanced portfo-margins could fall as low as 35 lio now. Once we get over the

per cent, compared to 38.5 per Zantac patent issue in the US, cent at the half year. In a gen- we have the products to fuel growth in the future."

Excluding Zantac sales, which fell 12 per cent to £808m. group sales rose 14 per cent and sales of new products, those introduced since 1990, rose 50 per cent. New product sales at £1.3bn in the half year now reoresent almost a third of total group sales. In contrast Zantac comprised a fifth of Glaxo's total sales compared to more than 40 per cent in 1994. Respiratory drugs represented the largest slice of total sales at 22 per cent, compared to 1994 when Zantac dominated.

Sir Richard said drivers of

than doubled sales and "is one of the fastest-growing products that we have ever had". Sir Richard said the company had launched 12 products in the half year with another eight to come in the second half. These include Romozin for the treat-

ment of type II diabetes, which

received approval for market-

ing in the UK yesterday. He said

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Richard said the Aids drugs,

which had more than half the

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growth were the group's Aids advances in combinatorial drugs Retrovir and Epivir and chemistry and drug screening innew asthma products Serevent. creased the chances that drugs currently being developed would be successful

Commenting on the legal wrangle that has kept generic "the cornerstone of modern competition against Zantac out of the US market so far, Mr Coombe said: "We are sitting back and trying to keep straightfaced about it. There are no medals for crowing."

> Genpharm, which was granted an exclusive right to sell Zantac until 29 August, cannot do so as it faces a legal challenge from Glaxo over patent infringement which begins on 19 August. Investment column, page 24 portfolio was wider



Sir Richard Sykes: Said the

of £2.17m in 1996, some

off for bad debts and warned of

further "significant" losses in the

Royal Doulton to cut 330 jobs

Nigel Cope City Correspondent

Royal Doulton, the fine china group which has been hit by the move away from formal dining. is cutting 330 jobs in an attempt to become more competitive and mitigate the effects of the strong pound.

All the redundancies will be in the Stoke-on-Trent region, where the company has been based for more than 200 years. Royal Doulton employs 4,800 people in the Potteries, mostly n manufacturing functions.

Most of the cuts will be in two of the group's nine Stoke plants, with some 270 cuts coming from production and the remainder in clerical and commercial divisions. Further job cuts have not been ruled out.

The strong pound has proved a particular problem for Doulton, which exports half of its £250m sales to markets such as the US, Japan and Europe. The company said yesterday £200.000 higher than forecast in that currency factors had "rean earlier profit warning. The sulted in a sales shortfall". group suffered a £900,000 write-

The job cuts are part of an operating review being undertaken by the new chief executive, Patrick Wenger. He took over in May following the sudden de-parture of Stuart Lyons, who had been chief executive for 12 years but was blamed for the £1.6m costs of an abortive takeover.

Mr Wenger said yesterday: "Royal Doulton needs to be efficient and competitive to meet the changing demands of the world ceramic market. The strong pound has created a difficult world-wide trading climate for many manufacturers including ourselves and it is essential we aim to keep production, sales and stocks in balance."

Mr Wenger admitted Royal Doulton was "a labour-intensive organisation" with some parts of the business, such as the painting of miniature figures, done by hand.

Royal Doulton, which was demerged from the Pearson media group in 1993, has been badly affected by the trend away from formal dining. It has developed a mid-market Doulton Everyday range, though the City has been concerned it could cannibalise sales of the more upmarket bone china.

Royal Doulton shares closed 2.5p lower at 220p.

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Konson receives takeover approach from mystery bidder

Magnus Grimond

Ronson, the troubled lighters to branded clothes group which has just undergone a big board upheaval, saw its shares rise 2.5p to 21p yesterday after it revealed it had received an unsolicited takeover approach.

Mystery surrounded the identity of the possible bidder, although it is definitely not ties in June and left the board

Howard Hodgson, the recently ousted chief executive. Mr Hodgson, who still owns

just under 2 per cent of Ronson and has previously been linked to bid rumours, said yesterday: "It genuinely isn't me. The situation is that I am at a complete loss as to who it would be.

The flamboyant Mr Hodgson was stripped of his executive du-

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at Ronson's annual meeting on Wednesday in the wake of the departure of his girifriend and acting finance director, Chris-

doctor who moved up to become executive chairman after Mr Hodgson left, refused to give any clue as to who was making the latest approach. However, he said he hoped

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Shaun Dowling, the company

the issue would be resolved "be-fore too long" as it was "slight-ly disruptive to the normal course of business" Speculation last night centred

on the Albion Consortium, a New York-based fund which invests in smaller British companies. The company helped to underwrite last November's rights issue to raise £10.4m at 25p a share and now has an 18

per cent stake. Despite the fact resources than us. I couldn't that the shares have been as low deny that." as 12.50. Albion is thought to Early last month, Ronson announced that profits of have turned down an offer from a large Far Eastern group £2.76m had turned into a loss

in the region of 26p a share. Mr Dowling refused to comment on the speculation, but added: "I couldn't disagree with the logic that someone else could develop [Ronson] better than us. They would have more

Huntingdon confident of changes

Huntingdon Life Sciences, the animal testing company that had dealings in its shares suspended last week, said it was confident of completing changes demanded by the Home Office of practices relating to its treatment of animals. The Government has threatened to revoke the group's licence to conduct experiments on animals, saying it had "extremely serious" failures and omissions at its plant. Huntingdon announced a loss after tax of £308,000 in the six months to June, after exceptional costs.

Barclays Life beats pension deadline

Barclays Life, the insurance arm of Barclays Bank, said that it had completed the first stage of reviews of its pension mis-selling cases three months ahead of its 31 October deadline. The company has carried out 90 per cent of its urgent reviews, involving 9,400 assessments. Compensation worth £20m is being paid in 2,700 cases. Royal Sun Alliance, which saw its deadline to complete the first tranche of urgent reviews expire yesterday, is expected to announce it has achieved its target.

Cowie plans drive into Europe

continental Europe for the first time. It is in serious talks with several European bus companies in Scandinavia and the Netherlands. Cowie is also looking to expand its car leasing division by teaming up with European rivals. Yesterday it announced profits of £47.6m for the six months to June, a rise of 48 per cent on the previous year, thanks to last year's acquisition of British Bus and a strong performance from its motor dealerships.

Logica seeks £51m for acquisition

Logica, the computer services group, announced the £51m acquisition of Irish software group Aldiscon, which sells networks systems and services to mobile phone and pager operators worldwide. It is raising £52.5m via a one-for-seven rights issue to fund the deal. Logica, which issued a profits warning last month, estimated that its pre-tax profits for the year to June grew 14 per cent to £28m.

Economists hail US slowdown

America's economic nirvana continued into the second quarter of the year, according to new GDP figures. The economy expanded by 2.2 per cent in the second quarter, a slowdown from 4.9 per cent in the first quarter. But the figure was stronger than economists had expected, and the slowdown was welcomed after the unsustainable pace of growth earlier this year. Separate figures showed new unemployment claims last week falling to the lowest level for more than 23 years. There were 277,000 jobless claims. down from 299,000 the week before.

Windfall spending spree 'not widespread'

A survey commissioned by the British Retail Consortium suggests that building society windfalls have not created a widespread high street spending spree. A survey of 1,200 individuals who have received or expect to receive a windfall, found that 59 per cent intend to keep the shares, 32 per cent will sell with the remainder unsure. Of those intending to sell, a third will spend the money on holidays, with 11 per cent planning to spend the cash on cars, and 20 per cent on home improvements such as a new kitchen

AAM takes over Pacific for £55m

Aberdeen Asset Management (AAM), formerly Abtrust, is to take over Prolific, the fund management company owned by Scottish Provident, the Edinburgh office. The deal, worth £55m, will involve Scottish Provident taking a 41 per cent stake in AAM, whose funds under management grow from £3.1bn to £11bn. David Woods, chief executive at Scottish Provident, said policyholders would gain from taking the stake in AAM.

agement groups AIM and Invesco, announced pre-tax profits of £73.5m (£32m) for the six months to June, even though the strong pound wiped £5.8m off the figures. The group has benefited from the strong growth in global capital markets. It is on the lookout for acquisitions in a variety of regions, including Britain. Funds under management have increased to £106bn (£44bn) and it raised

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Ocean Green (f*)	570m (550m)	32.0m (27.0m)	14.2p (12.1p)	5.4p (5p)
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Ti Group (i)	933m (895m)	112m (125m)	16.1p (19.3p)	5.1p (4.75p)
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Amvescap profits surge after merger

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Share spotlight

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It was Sunderland's turn to lake a drubbing on the City's

League to the First Division.

The lacklustre performance home turf yesterday, coming just a few days after Newcastle lost heavily following the injury to the club's - and England's - top striker, Alan

Shares in Sunderland dropped 10p to a fresh low of 337.5p, many a mile removed from the 760p peak reached soon after the club floated on the stock market on Christmas

was spearheaded by analysts as they returned to their desks yesterday after the previous night's trip to watch the inaugural game at the club's new £15m and evangelically named Stadium of Light. Some questioned whether

the money-spinning Premier

Electricity

the 40,000-seater stadium was anything more than a white elephant, particularly in the light of the club's relegation from

on the pitch on Wednesday night rekindled fears that the

club may have to open up its cheque book to sign more players. Newcastle, though, managed to make headway yester-

More than £12m was wiped off the company's value on Monday in reaction to the news of Shearer's injury. The attack on Sunderland Footsie, like Sunderland, was lacking energy yesterday, getting pulled all over the park by Wall Street and sterling. The pound firmly reclaimed the

day, scoring a 3.5p rise to

DM3 threshold, putting pres-sure once again on leading exporters and manufacturers.

Although Wall Street opened on a firm note - following favourable news on the economy - the Dow Jones swiftly headed into negative

territory after a Chicago PMI

MARKET REPORT

Next - looking smart after

the success of its summer sales

up 10.5p to 279p.

The company's steady-asshe-goes interim results –

showing a 75 per cent explo-

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CATHY NEWMAN

No let-up for clubs as Sunderland takes a drubbing

report knocked confidence. Dixons to finish 17.5p higher Footsie, up 14 points in early at 720p, not far off its year's trading, closed 19.9 points low-er at 4907.5. high of 750.5p.

Dixons, however, motored to another all-time high. The -added 22p to close at 759.5p; shares climbed 12p to close at 607.5p, making a two-day gain of 36p in response to the Goverament's ban on recom-mended retail prices in the electrical goods market which, investors believe, could bene-

fit electrical retailers. Encouraging noises from a host of brokers - SBC Warburg, Morgan Stanley and So-ciété Générale among them – also boosted Dixons.

Kingfisher, owner of the Comet chain, climbed with Shell nudged up 2p to close at 450.5p, partly aided by an "add" note from NatWest Securities. NatWest also recommended.

BP, which added 1.5p at one point but gave up the ghost later in the day and closed unchanged at 834.5p.
Oils, though, were not altogether in the pink as Dresdner

Kleinwort Benson downgraded the sector from "overweight" to "neutral".

Investors in pharmaceutiand Marks & Spencer joined cals stocks tasted a somewhat in the fun, improving 12.5p to end at 589p. Oil-related stocks also made bitter pill as Glazo Wellcome's shares ended lower over worslick progress, with Lasmo one of the star blue chips of the day,

ries on profit margins.

Although Glaxo's shares pushed 2p higher in early trading after releasing first half results that were largely in line with expectations, analysts said they had concerns about margins and the expiry of patents on the Zovirax and Zantac drugs. The shares closed 38p down at £12.91.

lowed Glazo's downward spiral, shedding 28p to £11.89. Zeneca did little better, and was caught in the slipstream to

finish 7p off at £20.21. British Telecom was in the doldrums - down 4p to 426.5p - after Kleinwort advised investors to sell amid renewed worties about the MCI merg-

Meanwhile, Logica's £51m acquisition of Aldiscon, a supplier of network systems to mobile phone operators, met with a favourable reaction, Logica's shares zooming up

Op to 750p.
Other notable risers included Headlam Group, which gained 13p to 313.5p after its £30.1m purchase of MCD on Wednesday. Tradepoint jumped 5p to

85p after announcing that over £1bn worth of shares have been traded on its electronic exchange since it was launched.

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Market leaders: Top 20 volumes

SmithKline Beecham fol- Cadcentre, the engineering software group which came to the market at the tail end of last year, closed 10p poorer at 235p, after Robin Lee, a director, sold half of his shareholding, Mr Lee, who wanted

the money to plan for his retirement at the end of next year, offloaded 450,000 shares at 235p each. 3i, another big shareholder in Cadcentre, also sold 150,000 shares to "several

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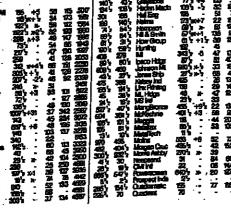
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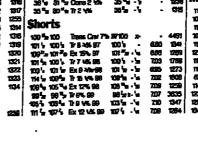
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Threstors were supping up shares in Surrey Free Inns, the AIM-quoted pub group, after the company outlined plans to spend £10m opening 10 new branded pub outlets. The stock leapt 16p to close at 426.5p, amid whispers that group, which is due to join the full market in September. jumped 93 per cent to £2.3m in the year to the end of May. Prices are in sterling except where stated. The yield is last year's dividend, grossed up by 20 per cent, as a percentage of the share price. The price/earnings (P/E) ratio is the share price divided by lest year's earnings per share, excluding exceptional items. Other details: r Ex rights x Ex-dividend a Ex at u Unitated Securities Market a Suspended pp Partly Paid pm Nil Paid Shares ‡ AIM Stock The Independent Index

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Glaxo digests Zantac news well

Wellcome a severe case of the gip is looking much less severe than the entrail gazers have previously forecast. Zantac, the blockbuster anti-ulcer drug which has fuelled the phenomenal growth of one the world's biggest drugs groups, has just gone off patent in the US. But whereas two years ago everyone feared that would hospitalise Glazo, it looks now as if it will get away with a mild bout of indigestion.

For a start, though the US patent ran out a week ago, legal wrangles mean there are no generic versions yet on the market. This, however, will ultimately prove a temporary distraction. Glazo is still bracing itself for Zantac to lose 80 per cent of its £800m sales in two seen its share price ride a roller-80 per cent of its £800m sales in two

years when generics do finally pile in. cheerful is that, heart drugs aside, and it may start in-licensing more products here. Glazo probably has the strongest

portfolio of new drugs in the UK.
The key figure in the interim results the impact of sterling, rose 14 per cent and its shares rallied again along with and an impressive 21 per cent in the rest of the engineering sector this massive US market. This was despite week when sterling showed signs of the patent expiry on Glaxo's second biggest drug. Zovirax, and sliding sales in old asthma drugs. New drugs launched before 1990 grew 50 per cent to £1.3bn in the half year. The drivers were anti-Aids drugs - Glazo's Epivir and Retrovir represent over half the world market in HIV drugs - and new asthma drugs like Serevent. Glazo's focus on

emerging markets is also paying off.
Of course, Glazo's second half will he impacted by Zantac, plus rising expenditure on advertising and the addition of 600 sales people. This will mean a slight decline in earnings in

The ulcer which everyone has THE INVESTMENT COLUMN vision, fared poorly due to difficult been expecting to give Glazo THE INVESTMENT COLUMN European markets, but overall Ti is

Glaxo Wellcome: At a glance

Market value: 45.9bn, share price: 1291.5p (-38p)

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on a forward p/e ratio of around 24 for the next two years. Looking beyond, the DM3 barrier again. the next two years. Looking beyond, however, with probably the freshest new drug pipeline in the UK sector, Glavo has great potential to grow.

Pound hides TI's strengths

coaster over the past few months. What should really make investors The shares fell sharply to 456.5p in July on concerns that a strong pound would hit profits and a sneaking suspicion that the Budget changes to dividend tax credits would mean it would be forced to top up its pension fund. TI quickly was that sales, excluding Zantac and allayed fears about the pension charge.

Five year record

Turnover (Ebn)

Pre-tax profits (£bn)

Earnings per-share (p)

tractive. Glazo itself looks set to be stuck other 24.5p lurch downwards to 544.5p

These wild share price fluctuations look unjustified. TI claims the only currency hit is through translation, in other words its overseas profits are worth less in pound notes, but its underlying business remains unaffected, as the bulk of its products are produced in domestic markets rather than exported. Even though analysts believe currency probably still has some effect on sales, the

overall impact is likely to be minimal. The currency issue has diverted attention from the fact that TI is in solid businesses with good growth potential. Underlying profits rose 8 per cent to £112m for the year to June. Ignoring the currency hit of £7.8m, underlying profits grew by 15 per cent.

The star performer was the Dowty aerospace business, where earnings leapt 97 per cent. It cashed in on the strong upturn in plane orders around the world. There are problem areas. week when sterling showed signs of the world. There are problem areas, weakening. But TI's shares took an-

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moving in the right direction.

Hoare Govett is forecasting profits of £221m this year, somewhat below the consensus, putting the shares on a prospective p/e ratio of 16. It believes John Crane may take time to sort out, while the outlook for UK manufacturing industry is uncertain. That said, TI shares still look good value.

Lasmo gushing with potential

asmo has been described as the world's leading Islamic oil exploration and production company, given its heavy exposure to exotic countries such as Algeria, Pakistan and Indonesia. The political instability endemic to some of those areas clearly makes for an element of risk, but the rewards are more likely to outweigh that, particularly after the group's recent \$453m deal to add re-

serves in Catholic Venezuela. Yesterday's half-way figures to June, showing net profits cut from £47m to £26m, provide little guidance on these matters. However, cash flow, up 16 per cent to £164m, remains strong, suggesting the \$730m cost of buying and developing the Dacion area of Venezuela over the next few years will be easily met. Production from that area of 13,000 barrels of oil a day is ex-pected to rise to 90,000 barrels by 2001. Another area which should continue

to spice up Lasmo's portfolio is Alge-ria. The group's fields there repre-sented 128 million barrels out of a group total of 729 million last December, a figure that is certain to rise after five of the seven wells drilled in the first half resulted in discoveries.

By 2001, Lasmo's production is expected to have risen from 171,000 barrels a day in the first half to 250,000 barrels. On top of that is Pakistan, where a discovery announced in April could amount to between 1.5 and 2 trillion cubic feet of gas. By 2001, that could be adding the equivalent of 12,000 barrels to daily production.

Add in cost-cutting and a management team strengthened by the ap-pointment of Chris Wright from BP, and Lasmo looks to have bags of potential. Even after yesterday's 10.5p rise to 279p, the shares stand on a modest premium to Nat West Securities' net asset value estimate of 272p, Good value.

Liffe Financial Futures

A night at the opera and a 30p fine at the Bank

PEOPLE & BUSINESS

Howard Davies, who left the Bank of England yesterday to become boss of super-SIB, tells me he was unaware that it was within the Bank's powers to impose fines until he himself fell victim to a levy from the Old Lady.

Mr Davies has just been fined 30p for the late return of a classical CD to the Bank's music library.

The chastened deputy governor tells me that the offending CD was a recording of Simon Boccanegra, the opera by Giuseppe Verdi, the 19th-century Italian master. Mr Davies took the CD out because he was going to Covent Garden and wanted to bone up on said opera.

Tragedy struck, however, when he arrived at the opera house, only to discover the performance was of Verdi's 1857 version. The Bank's CD had been of the revised 1881 version, which is quite different. Indeed, Verdi famously referred to the premiere of the 1857 version in Venice as "monotonous and cold". It appears Verdi decided over 20 years after the première to completely revamp his

work. Let us hope Mr Davies will not be forced to do the same following his forthcoming reign at super-SIB.

Ocean Group shift a fifth of London's waste down the River Thames on barges to a place called "Mucking" in Essex. Or it used to be called Essex - now it's part of "the unitary authority of Thurrock". Anyway. considering how well the company is doing - £300m in the bank - I suppose it proves once again that "where there's Mucking there's brass".

John Allan, Ocean chief executive, formerly with wellknown cleaning group BET says the company's permit for Mucking runs out in 2002. Not to worry, though.



Howard Davies: Left the Bank on a high note

Ocean made a deal with Tarmac last year under which it can transport up to 12 billion cubic metres of waste to landfill sites, mostly around Colchester, also in Essex. Good burghers of Colchester - you have been warned.

Surrey Free Inns, the respectable and successful pub chain, bought the eightstrong pub chain Richardsons in May - and said it would sell Richardson's "table dancing" venue "For Your Eyes Only". Much was made of Surrey Inns' wholesome, family image.

Surrey Free Inns now admits it is going to keep the club in Park Royal, west London, for the moment at least, in order "maximize shareholder value".

This is quite a coup for

Gerald Richardson, founder

of the club, in which young ladies remove their clothes for customers for a fee, and then gyrate for a specified time. Mr Richardson is now on the board of Surrey, and adds: "Only 2 or 3 per cent of our customers are women. I am not sure whether they are mistresses or wives. But we are keen to get more women involved." It's all a long way from shove-ha penny.

Industrial Metals

Stonne Cash

Fancy advising His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on how to spend his money?

The Household of the Prince is advertising for a financial controller, to be based in St James's Palace in London, with a salary of £35,000 plus car.

Currently the Household's finances are supervised by the Prince's private secretary, Stephen Lamport, but the growth of staff numbers (now 70) and activities means a full-time bean counter is needed.

The job will cover everything from day-to-day financial control to supervising the Prince of Wales's Charities Trust.

BT tells me that reports that it is to flog off the contents of its Museum of National Telephony are "rubbish". The museum is being closed on Friday because the

present site in the murky depths of Blackfriars in the City is failing to attract enough visitors.
"We need a better venue. But we are keeping all the contents, as well as the cura-tor, Neil Johanssen and the

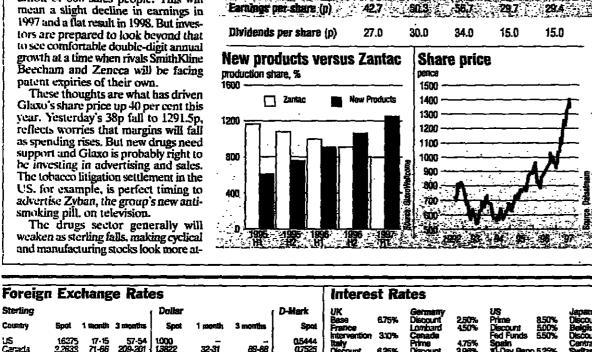
technician Dave Kirton," BT assured me yesterday.
Which is just as well, since there are over 10,000 bits of phone history warehoused in west London, as well as the 800 items at Blackfriars, covering Britain's part in the evolution of phone systems

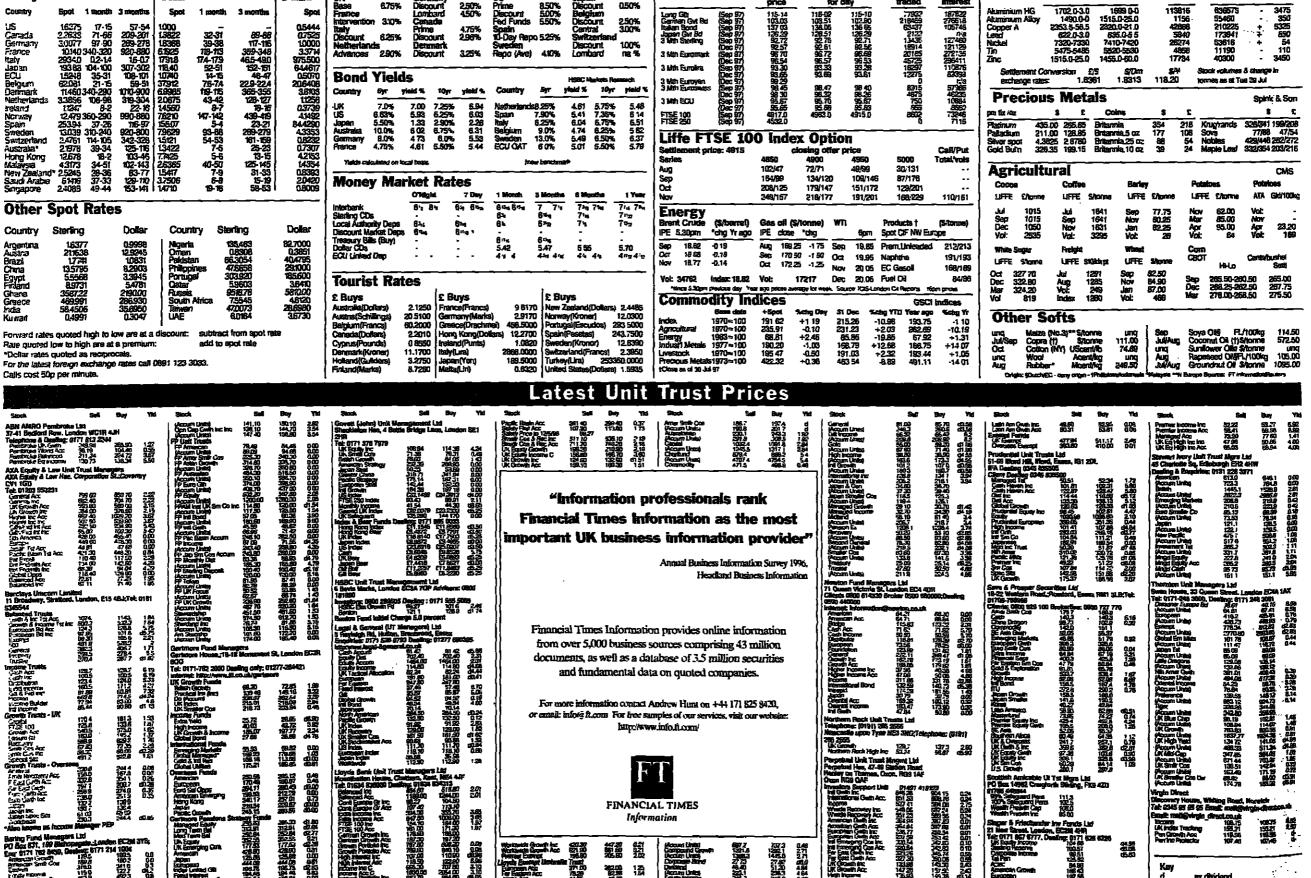
since the 1830s. Various schemes to rehouse the stuff include a new venue in Edinburgh, home of Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the modern phone, as well as a possible

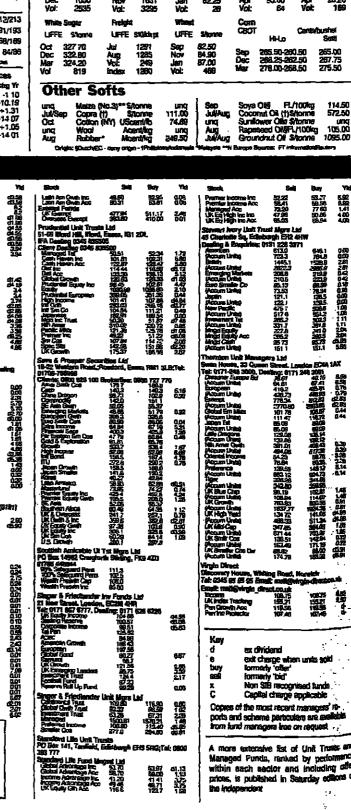
slot in the Millennium Dome. Let's hope BT manages to avoid what would be an unforgivable act of corporate vandalism. After all, "it's good to talk".

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FINANCIAL TIMES

Mary ...

the Bank Trigger is a big shot once more

Racing

RICHARD EDMONDSON reports from Goodwood

In racing, it is said, they never come back. Now it is the cliche that will have to disappear following Double Trigger's success here in the Goodwood Cup vesterday. Those who said he had gone were themselves not visible after the veteran's pillar-topost scamper across the Sussex

It had seemed the old gunslinger was no longer looking down the barrel of a smoking pistol, but rather into the base of a drained tumbler as he sprawled across the saloon bar. The six-year-old is taken to the gallops each day of his life and the suspicion was that his spirit had succumbed to the monotony.

Double Trigger does not even look the same effervescent figure that started winning races at Redcar four years ago. His once-vivid chestnut and white hide now looks rather pale, as if he has been through a few spin cycles too many. "He's a six-year-old entire and horses start to think about different things at that age," Mark Johnston, the trainer, said. "He goes around the paddock a bit quieter than he used to and with a little less sparkle.

The heart inside this seasoned casing remains as robust as ever though. It was pumping busily soon after start of the twomile journey. "I got him on his toes before we went in the gate and, after he broke well, I kicked him in the belly and rode him for the first furlong to really let him know he was in a race," Michael Roberts, the victorious jockey, reported. "To be honest he gave me a difficult ride after that because he kept pulling himself up."

Johnston went on to complete a double in the Golden Mile Handicap with Fly To The Stars, who seemed to relish

2.15: JAWHARL who beat Northern Angel by a comfortable 11/2 lengths in a 7f 140yds Lingfield maiden recently, looks lettiently

treated. Jorrocks is the danger.

3.20: BRIGHT WATER, who beat Maralinea by a comfortable two

length in a 1m 2f 75yds stakes race

at Chester on his reappearance.

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the opportunity to stretch his legs when an electrical malfunction opened his section of the stalls early. After a restart the three-year-old was expertly handled by Olivier Peslier.

This was not a day for ordi-nary performances and Daggers Drawn set the standard when he was carried to victory on an immense sigh of relief from Kieren Fallon in the Richmond Stakes. A furlong out, Henry Cecil's colt appeared to have been the victim of a conspiracy as a phalanx of the remaining five runners blocked his path. When a crack appeared, however, he was through it like a shaft of sunlight. "I thought I was going to have a nightmare journey and for a while I was beginning to think "oh no here we go again"," Fallon reported. "But then they broke up nice-ly shead of me and I thought

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Amyas (Goodwood 2.45) NB: Lady Alexander (Goodwood 3.50)

'there is a God". It would have been a disaster if they hadn't

"This horse doesn't look as impressive as he feels. He's got the engine, he's got speed and even though the 2,000 Guineas is a long way away you can look forward to the race with such a lovely horse. I think he's something special." Daggers Drawn is a top-priced 7-1 with Ladbrokes for the Classic next May. Best bet today may be

AMYAS (nap 2.45) who ran well in the Newmarket handicap which has produced subsequent winners Maylane, Stanton Harcourt and Manazil. Two years ago Con Collins sent over Almaty from Ireland to plunder the Molecomb and today the same trainer's Lady Alexander (next best 3.50), who beat King Of Kings last time, can oblige. Yesterday's results, page 26

HYPERION'S

2.45: SOUTHERLY WIND kept on well to be three lengths sixth to
Pasternak in the John Smith's Magnet Cup Handicap over 1m 2f
85yds at York and figures on a fair
mark here. Labeq may pose the over middle distances on fast ground. Humourless is the threat.

3.50: LADY ALEXANDER beat King Of Kings by a short-head in the Group Three Anglesey Stakes over six furlongs at the Curragh. She is clearly useful and can follow up. Ousaine is the danger.

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Silver Kristel	5-1	13-2	7-1	11-2
Shabeen	91	10-1	8-1	8-1
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Just Hick	12-1	10-1	12-1	12-1
Alugys Alight	9-1	14-1	12-1	12-1
Tem Galore	16-1	15-1	16-1	16-1
Wasa Rander	14-1	16-1	12-1	16-1
Graces/'s Pet	20-1	20-1	22-1	18-1
Geo Beo Dresso	20-1	14-1	16-1	18-1
Mony Dames	20-1	20-1	16-1	16-1
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Lord Burnfink	10-1	11-1	8-1	11.1
Sword Ame	12-1	10-1	12-1	<u>12-1</u>
Al Autor	18-1	24-1	16-1	16-1
Desert Horizon	14-1	14-1	14-1	16 1
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Bali Paradise	20-1	20-1	20-1	20-1
Future Perfect	20-1	18-1	18-1	20-1
Atlantic Desire	25-1	25.1	22-1	20-1
Barte Pape	25-1	20-1	20-1	25-1
Generous GSR	25-1	<u>25-1</u>	20-1	25-1
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ac 3.40 Hacketts Cross 4.15 Glamanglitz 4.45 Totally Yours 5.20 Dawn Summit GOING: Good to Firm (Good in places).

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Idon of ASSS and BSOSS, Bus service from Wretham Station. ADMINSSON: Paddock SS, Course SA (under-16s free all enchourse). CAR PARE: Free. RIJNEERED FIRST TIMES: Demondac (visored) (3.10), Well Armed (4.15), Harry's Treat (4.45), Totally Youns (4.45). WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DAYS: NORE. LONG DISTANCE RUNNERS: Tear's Feelings (3.10) sent 265 today by Mrs D Thomson from Ministhort, Tayside. 2.35 CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING

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GOODWOOD

2.45 Southerly Wind 3.20 BRIGHT WATER (nap) 3.50 Lady Alexander (nb)

4.25 Bermuda Boy 5.00 Rudi's Pet 5.35 So Intrepid

GUNG: Good to Firm (watering Penetroneter reading 2.7).
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ELEADING JOCKEYS: T Quinn = 45 wins, 240 rides, 15 (sq. -535 11; Pat Eddery = 10 wins, 230 rides, 20.07s, 50.87; J Reid = 37 wins, 240 rides, 15 (sq. -52.90; L Dettori = 31 wins, 170 rides, 17 rides, 17 rides, 17 rides, 17 wins, 180 rides, 180

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SILVER KRISTAL is in at the deep and for her first handicap, but she still looks nicely meat-SILVER KRRSTAL is in at the deep and for her first handcap, but she sall looks neely mosted off is handcap mixth of 76. On her vectors and final outing last term, Silver kristal run
fourth of 23 to Pulsade at Neumanier, where she was two lengths admit of Coronation Stakes
wither Rebector Sharp and eas followed across the line by a couple of useful filles, St Blaine
and Gingermap. Seet histal was fruith in Jawharths Linglied maden on her respectance
22 days also, but that was a decorn event by that course's standards and she shaped roatby well, inches about of her in third was Scalish and lines through that one and Wissp Rangier
remitores the since lind both Fraction and Silver Kristal are potentially well moated. Joseph,
well backed, won in classe style of Linglied, but Reg Asenses's (B) has a 6th pull and will
be littles. Silve might word a mile near time, but the pace here is sure to be sharp. The four
heading the weights all have potentially height lingli draws and they include Poul Cole's poir,
the atomic mentioned Wissp Rangier and Grassny's Pet.

١	2.45	VOLVO CONTRACTS GLOBETROTTER HANDICAP BBC. (CLASS B) £45,000 added 3YO 1m 2f £34,800	2
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3	3 42-444	DESERT HORIZON (15) (N Abdulla) J Gosden 9 5	9
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Memorise, trisylane, Manson, Stamon Harcourt and Party Romance have all advantaged the worth of the ten-furing Newmarket handcap in which Augusta was a strong finishing fourth, worth of the ten-furing Newmarket handcap in which Augusta was a strong finishing fourth, worth of the ten-furing Newmarket handcap in which Augusta was a strong finishing fourth. He had been well burked in the moring and was baulked in his run so, dawn heat to the nurung-roll, he will be supported to make amends. But SOUTHERLY WIND, a big, scoper son of Sig Archor, may get be capable of better after running so well in the Magnet Cup son of Sig Archor, may get be capable of better after running so well in the Magnet Cup son and restored by the subsequent wins of Hornourable, interdentin, Righty Ho, Bably Soura and Postoret and a strong-run ten furiongs such has better than the male of that rock. Any on well book Lond Eurolists, who very much caught the eye when third to Right Wing at Assort last time, while Postore Gasses was an unipply second to Tropic Risk, as Sandown Assort last time, while Postore Gasses was an unipply second to Tropic Risk, as Sandown Assort last time when having his first out over ten knings. Swood Ann has more on his paint after his Sousbury and Bash wins, but is an improved gelding. Selections SOUTHERLY WIND

3.20	SCHRODERS GLORIOUS RATED HANDICAP (Listed) (CLASS A) £50,000 added 1m 4f £30,127	
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3	.50	JOCKEY CLUB OF KENYA MOLECOMB STAKES (Group 3) (CLASS A) £35,000 added 270 3f£24,025	
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BETTONG: 5-2 Ludy Alexander, 9-2 Quaisse, 7-1 Magnetio, 8-1 Distinct Vintage, 1D-1 Cideftain, Mysticism, 12-1 Princes Natable, Pure Columbiano, 14-1 Ranningham Blade, Tipplit Boy, its AS Rotethe, 20-1 others 1996 Comme Lake 2 8 7 I Red 6-1 (P Chappe-Hyam) drawn (2) 7 ran FORM GUIDE

FORM GUIDE

Filtes have won five of the latest so numergs and LADY ALEXANDER looks the part on her progressive form in lieland. She won a Naas maden in Line and then the Anglessy Stakes (6f) at the Curragh when probably flattered to por the highly-rated long Of Kings, who was not quite himself. Still, the form as a stands is good and Lady Alexander is preferred to Qualities, who skuced up in a Redicar maden on his debut, despite numing green, and then went for the Pm Du Bois at Deaunile where he did well to be three and a half lengths fourth to Zeld-

vig. Chieftein is one to keep on the right side. He is a good-looking son of indian Ridge and he will have learned plenty from his debut at Newmarket, where he was a 6-4 on shot but ran too freely in a slowly-run size and was forced to play second fiddle to Second Wind. Distinct Vintage was impressive in winning a Brighton maiden by eight lengths lest time, while the fibres Magallo, Mysticism and Princess Natalile are all entitled to plenty of respect. The return to five furious will not inconvenience the speech Mugelio, who was second to Victory Note in a sto-furiong Ustad event at Newbury.

Selection: LADY ALEXANDER

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4.25	E.R.F. FOXHALL MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £10,000 added 270 7f Penalty Value £7,198
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10 4	MILDCAT (20) (George E K Feo; R Hannon 8 11 Paul Edday 8

BETTING: 7-4 Chester House, 11-4 Generosity, 5-1 Berntade Boy, 6-1 Hadid, 7-1 Night Shot, 12-1 Secret Archive, 14-1 Widoxt, 20-1 others
1996: Dicke But 2-8 11 Pat Eddey 7-2 (R Harmon) dates (5) 5 ran

FORM GUIDE
There is speculation in Newmarket that CHESTER HOUSE is on a per with his classy sta-There is apeculation in Newmarket that CHESTER HOUSE is on a par with his classy sta-blamate Degges Drawn, (assume for the 2,000 Guineas. He has a amasting pedigree, be-ing by Mr Prospector out of a Grade One-winning daughter of El Gran Senor. There is plenty of Lambourn confidence behind Generosity, whose winning relatives include Up Anchor. The ones to have run will have a say and Bermudal Boy, Hadid and Night Shot have all shown promise. The pide may be Hadid, though good enough to contest the Covernty Stakes, since when he has been given 45 days to recover and perhaps improve. Night Shot was second in Docksdor's Saltsbury malden and that horse was second to Central Park here on Salanction: CHESTER HOUSE

5.00	CHICHESTER CRY HANDICAP (CLASS C) £10,000 added 3YO Sf Penalty Value £7,310
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CONTRACTOR	CHINAN (54) JULY (CANDESTON TRANSPORT LID) Y CASTS Y U.,
	CARLO COMPANIA (ACC AND ALLY CONTROL CARO) MI MONGON X 12
0 120440	TEAR WHITE (4) (D) (A W Lanson & Co Ltd) T Miss 8 1

BETTING: 4-1 Sabins, 5-1 Dencethenightsway, 6-1 Rud's Pet, 13-2 Tear Walte, 7-1 Caudia Equina, 8-1 Autorists Choice, 9-1 Swino, 10-1 Anciante, Geelle Storm, 12-1 Bretail Fentesy 1996: Clari Chef 3 8 5 T Qurin 9-4 Sv U Arnold drawn (2) 9 Tea FORM GUID

RUDI'S PET had fallen to a decent handicap mark and ran two good races before his Sandown defeat behind My Best Velentina when moderately drawn. He preceded that by dividing Always Alight and So Intropid in the Stewards' Cup Trial Handicap (6f) here and he significant his return to form at Ascot (5f, soft) the time before when such of 18 to Prince Dome. He finished well admit in a Chester spirit in May when Dencethengitiaway won handity from 1.3 opponents, including Sablina (fourth) and Swino (soft)).

Selection: RUDI'S PET

.35	KRIRARA APPRENTICE LIMITED STAKES (CLASS D) £10,000 added 6f Penaity Value £6,710
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BETTRIC: 13-8 So Intropid, 9-4 Akusai, 3-1 Palacegate Touch, 8-1 Science Ridge, 12-1 Superior 1996; Hawa Al Nasamaat 4 8 12 Dane O'Nell 11-4 fav (E Dunlop) dzawn (1) 10 ran

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Palacegarte Touch usually hangs left and puts his head in the air but often gets the job done. This is not the normal type of stir-futorig race, with the field a small one in sprinting terms, so although Palacegare Touch will be playing the hare to ALMASI and So intrepid, who are usually held up, he might well enjoy humself out in front and prove difficult to catch. Almasi is just preferred, however. She is a mere in great form and followed Doncaster and Salisbury wins with a Newmarket second to Always On My Mind.

Selection: ALMASI

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HYPERION

2.25 Grand Chapeau 2.55 Yorkies Boy 3.30 Shilling 4.00 Beguine 4.30 Petara 5.05 Carreamia

GOING Straight course - Good. Round course - Good to Firm STALLS: Straight - stands under round course - msde. DRAW ADVANTAGE: High for 6f and 6f.

Left-hand course, level but quite charp.

Course is W of town on Ab1. Thursk station 1m. ADMISSION: Club & 12; Tauteralls S8 (OAFs \$41; Plantly Enclosure \$3 (OAFs \$1.50), Accompanied under-16 fee. CAR PARK: Family Enclosure \$3 per car including up to four adults plus all children; re-mander free.

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RLINKERED PIRST TIME: Fatal Baraari (visured) (4.00), Petara BLINKERED FIRST TIMES FRAM DATES Reame (2.25) won at Thirsels on Friday, Operatic (4.30) won at Wolverhouspion on Friday. Operatic (4.30) won at Wolverhouspion on Friday. LONG DISTANCE RINNERS: Doyenne (3.30) sent 249 miles by G Lewis from Headley, Surrey.

2.25 GO RACING IN YORKSHIRE HANDICAP

1		(CLASS D) £5,000 added 6f
1 1	106021	BEICOE (7) (CD) Mis J Ramsten 7 to 5 (7ex) ,D Harrison 12
2	640144	THE HAPPY FOX (7) (D) B McMaton 5 9 12 L Newton 9 B
3	021203	BONALERS BOY (6) (D) J.) Quant 4 9 11
4	001166	SMOKEY FROM CAPLON (13) (CD) J J O'Nel 399_R Laurin 13
l 5	-06230	THWAAB (20) (D) F Watson 5 9 5 4 Hind 2 B
6	035001	SPOTTED EAGLE (16) (0) () Nichols 4 9 0 Alex Consider 7
7		MERANTI (S) (C) (D) J Brackey 4 9 0
8	620263	AMRON (11) (D) J Berry 10 9 (),T E Draman (3) 11

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035422	COMBRIAN CADET (17) T Exceptly 8.4
	ORIEL GERL (14) (D) P Evens 7 11 P Fessey (3) 3 V
	BOW PEEP (43) M W Easterty 7 10 Dale Chate 6
054	SHALYAH (18) Mrs. J. Ramssien 7 10
0466	SEVENTH HEAVEN (60) D Nacholis 7 10Jona Wands (5) 8
	SEECHWOOD QUEST (22) (0) 8 Rotherd 7 10L Channock 5 D

Minimum weight: 7st 10lb. True handicap weights: Severth Heaven 7st 7lb. Beech-Just 7st 50. Not 2st 5st 50. No. 2-1 Yorkies Boy, 4-1 Oriel Girl, 5-1 Bow Peep, 7-1 Behy Grand, No. 2-1 Yorkies Boy, 4-1 Oriel Girl, 5-1 Bow Peep, 7-1 Behy Grand, No. 2-1 Yorkies Boy, 4-1 Oriel Girl, 5-1 Bow Peep, 7-1 Behy Grand, No. 2-1 Yorkies Boy, 4-1 Oriel Girl, 5-1 Bow Peep, 7-1 Behy Grand, No. 2-1 Yorkies Boy, 4-1 Oriel Girl, 5-1 Bow Peep, 7-1 Behy Grand,

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	FLOWER MELLER (779) J Hanson 495 E Johnson 8	YET
04	THE VALE (11) R McKeter 5 9 5 Michaeley (7) 9	
	BARNBURGH BOY (7) T Barron 3 8 12	r=
	BEACH BUCY (13) J H Wisson 3 8 12P Roberts (5) 11	5
	BLOT (B) Mrs J Carol 38 12	
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4.30 CARPENTER'S ARMS CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,500 added 270 7f

	D	DISCOTEX (27) M W Easterby 8 9T Luces 8
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	0	SILVER HOPE (52) R Hollinshead 8 9F Lynch 6
		ARE YER THERE (27) M W Easterby 8 7G Parkin (3) 9
	000	EDDE ROMBO (12) N Tinker & 7
		TM TEF (11) T Easterby 8 6
	060	SUGGEST (15) (97) W Surey 8 6 Sanders 2
	00140	THREE TENNERS (9) J Berry 8 6P Feecey (3) 11 B
)		DRAIN DOCTOR S Kettlewell 8 5 A Cultane 4
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NEWMARKET

HYPERION 6.10 Windy Treat 6.40 Princess Topaz 7.10 Resist The Force 7.40 Conspiracy 8.10 Cold Steel 8.40 Speaker's Corner

STALLS: Im2f & im4f - stands side: remainder - far side. DEAW ADVANTAGE: None.

Bigin hand course with 1m straight.

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Course south-wes, of town on A1304. Bus link from Cambridge and Newmarket, stations. ADMISSION: Caub £14 (16 to 25-year-olds £8); Grandstand & Paddock £10 (16 to 25-year-olds £5); Family Enchsure £3. CAR PARE: Members £1; remander free.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Cold Steel (8.10).

WINNERS IN LAST 7 DAYS: Resist The Force (7.10) won at Brighton on Monday. Snowy Manule (8.10) won at Nottingham on Friday. LONG-DISTANCE TRAVELLERS: Mr Bergstrac (7.10) has been sent 201 miles by B Palling from Ystradowen, South Glamorgen.

(10	SEDE HELL SELLING STAKES (CLASS E) £5,000 1m	SKY
1 2 3 4	460040	ROYAL ACCLAIM (6) (D) K Burke 12 9 9 Burke	Joyce (7) 1
2		GOLDEN ACE (9) (D) R Harmon 4 9 4	
3	0-1060	CORAL ISLAND (16) (D) J Fiz Gerald 3 9 2	W Ryen
4		ROSALEE ROYALE (18) John Berry 5 8 13	
5	06	PETUNTSE (9) J G Smyth-Osbourne 3 8 11W J	O'Cooner 5
5	30	WINDY TREAT (USA) (25) E Duniop 3 8 11	G Carter

ETTING: 5-4 :claim, 16-1	— 6 declared — Golden Ace, 7-4 Cural Island, 5-1 Windy Treat, 12-1 Royal Russiee Royale, Potantse
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Ľ	7.10	(CLASS C) £7,500 6f	SKY
1		CONCER UN (15) 5 C Williams 5 10 0	
2		EASTERN PROPHETS (SS) (D) G LONE 498A	
3	00-265	SHAMANIC (7) (0) 5 Woods 5 9 7	
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5	251031	LITERARY SOCIETY (14) (D) J Torer 4 9 6	Sanders 11
6	010030	MR BERGERAC (2) (CD) (BF) B Paling 695	Harrison 12
7		JENSELLE (13) C Dayer 3 9 4	

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	- 13 declared -
107 5	BETTANG: 7-2 Literary Society, 9-2 Grey Mingdow, 6-1 Resist The Force,
ext 1	13-2 Shamanic, 8-1 Mr Bergamo, 10-1 Taolata, Bayla, 12-1 Watch The
me 2	Fire, 14-1 At Hadisim, Eastern Prophets, 16-1 Jesselle, 25-1 others
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7.40 ANTEC VIRKON STAKES (CLASS CLASS C) £7,500 6f

SETTING 11-8 CONSPIRACY, 7-4 Caption, 2-1 Dame Laura
8.10 BRITAM INTERNATIONAL HANDICAP (CLASS E) £5,000 1m 2f
1 061530 ALSAHB (USA) (27) W Mur 4 9 10 W J O'Cottoor 12
2 521065 WESTMINSTER (4) M Tomplers 5 9 9 A McGlone 7 V
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4 631215 60,935 TIMATION (16) (DA J Peorce 8 9 5 C Tander (2) 2
5 23/262 MARDREW (12) R lans 3 9 2
6 -15402 COUNT TONY (20) S Woods 3 9 2
7 0000-6 GROVEFAR VENTURE (13) K Nahri 3 9 1 M Richards 3
8 033056 GOLDEN TOUCH (35) (D) D Cosgrove 5 9 0 Yearver 6
9 5-1003 COLD STEEL (146 W lares 3 8 23
10 511330 MONTE CAVO (3) (3) M British 68 12

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11 060- STRECTLY HARD (266) G Bravery 3 8 9 D R McCabe 14
12 054221 JONA HOLLEY (30) (D) G L Moore 489
14 404453 CASTLES BURTONG (USA) (8) C Cycer 3 8 5 A Whelen, (5) 4
15 024031 SNOWY MAKITLE (7) J Bethell 4 8 3 (6ed R Makies (5) 1
16 002500 CAPTAIN MARMALADE (7) (D) D Thom 881 G Duffield 5
17 055640 MERCURY (14) J Glover 4 8 1
= 17 declared -
BETTING: 6-1 Martirous, Snowy Mastie, 8-1 Westminster, Cold Steel, June
Holley, 10-1 Bubbly, Count Toxy, Golden Touch, Monte Cavo, Cuban Roef,
Castles Burning, 12-1 others
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Q AO EBF BEACON MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D)
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6 0 PROCHEAL SON (18) R Williams 9 0
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9 SHAAND ROMANCE M Bel 9 D
10 SPEAKER'S CHAIR R Charton 9 0
11 TAVERNED SOCIETY P Amostrope Q () P Date 4

BETTRIC: 7-2 Fight, 4-1 Geochite, 5-1 Sponkers Chair, 7-1 Rabab, 8 Estamena, First Consul, 12-1 Severner Society, Stanson Romance, 14 Eco Friendly, 15-1 Five Fairles, 25-1 Others

ASCOT

HYPERION 6.00 Passing Stranger 6.30 Island Sanctuary 7.00 Law Commission 7.30 Commander Charlie 8.05

Flush 8.35 Marsul FILIST 8.35 Marsia

GOING: Good (Good to Pirm in placen).

STALLS: Strught course – stands skie; round course – inside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.

I Right-hand course with testing upital finish.

Course is neat junction of ACC3 and ACO. Access from M3 (Junc 3) and M4 (Junc 6). Railway station (service from London, Waterloo) adjoins course. ADMISSION: Members 12 (Junior Members 16-25 years, half price); Grandstand & Paddock 58; Silver Ring 55, CAR PARK: No's 1, 3 & 3 & 4, remainder free.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: None. WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DAYS: None. LONG-DISTANCE TRAVELLERS: Almoshimm (7.00) sent 238 miles by T D Barron from Maunty, North Yorkshire; Ball Dance (7.30) sent 230 miles by C Booth from Foston, North Yorkshire.

6.00 BUCKINGHAM PALACE APPRENTICE HTCAP (CLASS E) £6,000 1m 4f

HYPERION 5.50 Taffs Well 6.20 Height Of Heights 6.50 Lido 720 Tycoon Girl 7.50 Broadway Melody 8.20 plc, 10-1 Beaucatcher, Bold Tina, 12-1 Misty Poles, Hawkshill Henry, 33-1 offices Octavia Hill GOING: Good to Firm (Good in places).

need under les free all enclosures).
BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Courburil (5.20).
WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DAYS: Polarize (7.20) won at Thirsk on Friday.

LONG-DISTANCE TRAVELLERS: Polarize (7.20) & La Dolea Vita (8.20) sent 201 miles by T () Barron from Mannby, North Yorkshire.

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Minimum weight: 7st 10th. Time handcap weight: Birt Rosie 7st 8th.
BETTNIC 5-2 Passing Strangers, 3-1. Glow Forem, 5-1 Zorro, Opera Buff,
6-1 Gold Desire, 8-1. Rock The Barney. 25-1. Birt Rosie 6.30 EVENING STANDARD HANDICAP SKY

7.00 SANATOGEN RATED HANDICAP SKY -10562 CHICKAMICKA (30) (D) B Paling 6 9 7... -00006 KAYVEE (6) (C) (D) Mrs A Penetr 8 9 2...

3 -46000 PATSY GRINES (34) (0) J S Moore 7 9 1 1 Detted 4 000066 LAW COMMISSION (7) (00) D Baworth 7 9 1	8.05 GOLDEN GATES MAIDEN STAKES (CLAS
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6 22532 CHENT (21) (D) (BP) G L Moore 5 8 8 Candy Moorls 2	1 COALMINERSDAUGHTER Hits 8 11
7 16-006 REDWING (20) (D) J Dunico 386	2 0 COSMIC COUNTESS (22) M Jarvis 8 11 R Cochrone
8 2340-0 WAIT FOR ROSE (10) V Scane 3 8 6	3 542 0000 (18) D Baroth 8 11 K Patien
9 31 SWEET FORTUNE (USA) (20) (D) M Stoute 3 8 5 Read 6	4 R 1954 (FEM 1486 Q 11 14 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15
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BETTING: 11-4 Secret Fortune, 5-1 Rectaing, 6-1 Alembianos, 13-2 Song Of	8 3 MGHT OWL (14) R Charlton 8 11T Sozake
Skyo, 7-1 Chenit, Chickmeicke, 10-1 Knyvet, Law Commission, 14-1 Pay.	V UN MEDE V 1925 B 11 Pat Fritan
sy Grisnes, 33-1 Welt For Rosie	10 WARRENG N Goham 8 11
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7.30 O'KEEFE NURSERY HANDICAP	BETTIMO: 9-4 Dado, 7-2 Night Owl, 11-2 Nanousbka, 6-1 Wigging, 7-1 (
(CLASS C) ES,000 210 II	Hebe, 5-1 Course Coursess, 12-1 Floor, 16-1 Conjuniors strategy Ma
1 521 CONTINUES CHARLE (16) (D) Baiding 9 7Part Edding 4	ey Storm, Magic Spring
2 31 HUOOM (14) (D) J Dursion 9 6	
3 1342 SEA MAGRIC (13) 8 HRs 9 5 Paid 10	8.35 CLASSIC FM MAGAZINE MAIDEN STAKE
4 0033 RESPOND (22) G L Moore 8 11	18.35 CHARLE IN ACCOUNT WHILE ADMINED
5 004 WAGER FORCE (27) G Balding 8 9 Y Sprains 7	(CLASS D) £8,000 3YO 1m 4f
6 3321 COUNTRY GARDEN (18) (D) R Hermon 8 8	1 3 GHBLIES BALL (24) R Charlton 9 0
7 450 RMGLEADER (39) P Cole 8 8	2 D-43 MARSEL RESAMPION I Goston D.D. I Particul
8 6140 ISLAND GERL (20) D Artsuttract 8 0R Fireagh (8) 2	3 280440 ALGALALI (USA) (27) P Kelensy 8 9
9 35333 BALI DANCE (6) C Booth 7 13	4 0 BACK ROW (46) L Current 89 K Darley
10 02031 THE HONORVELE LADY (20) ON M Cremon 7 11 5et 1 Orden 3	5 2-3322 MIGHTLARK (24) (BF) D Loder 8 9 Pat Eddery
- 10 declared -	6 OS VEDVE CLICQUOT (28) R Amistorig 8 9M Roberts
BETTING: 9-4 Holgom, 5-1 Country Barden, 11-2 Commander Charlie, See	- 6 declared -
Magic, 7-1 Registeder, 10-1 The Honorable Lady, 12-1 Ball Dance, Re-	
spood, 14-1 Water Force, 20-1 Island Gkt	BETTING: 5-2 Mighthank, 11,-4 Chillies Boll, 3-1 Alcalell, 7-2 Marcul, 10
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SALISBURY

STALLS: Far side. DRAW ADVANTAGE: High numbers best up to 71. DRAW ADVANTAGE: High numbers used up to 1.

Right-hand course, mainly uphill and testing.

Course is 3m south-west of city off A3094. Salisbury station (London, Waterloo-Excite line) lim. Bus service to course. ADMISSION: Members 513.00: Tamersalls 53; Course Enclosure 54 (accompanies).

5.50 NEWNHAM MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 6f

BETTING: 2-1 Betrieto, 3-1 Tells Well, 13-2 Turners Way, 7-1 First Princi-

6.20 SPIRE FM HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,025 added 1m 6f 306 MEIGHT OF HEIGHTS CAR Lock Herses 4.9.11 D Holland 4

1 306 MEIGHT OF HEIGHTS (34) Ledy Heaves 4 9 11 ___ D Holland 4 2 005642 DURSHAM (13) (D) G.I. Morre 6 9 3 ______ S. Whitworth 5 8 3 007622 COURSHAM (13) (D) G.I. Morre 6 9 3 ______ S. Whitworth 5 8 6 007625 COURSHAM, (1107) M Page 5 9 2 _____ Parthage 6 5 -14304 COH SHO NO (8) S Dov 4 8 12 _____ Dane O'Nelli 8 6 -20000 SERIOUS TRUST (22) Ms L. Level 4 8 S ____ Sophie Mittalel 10 0 055304 ROSE OF GLEWR (13) (D) B Palling 6 9 3 ______ C Rather 2 8 007250 COURMECUS NOWENT (7) P Hoyward 8 8 2 ____ M Hoary (3) 1 9 _____ SO-22 HOUSWICK (20) J Nrg 6 7 12 ______ A Palli (5) 3 10 0 000 TOMMY COOPER (ESS) MS 8 Wang 6 7 11 _____ A Palli (5) 3 10 0 000 TOMMY COOPER (ESS) MS 8 Wang 6 7 11 ______ N Carliste 7 _____ 11 declared — ______ Adminum weight: 7sr 100. The handloop weights: Oscar Rose 6sr 12h. RETINKS: 11-4 Courthard, 9-2 Burtham, 11-2 Hillandick, 7-1 Rose Of Glenn, 8-4 Paladicus Mitote, 10-1 Serious Trust, Cob She No. 12-1 Height Of Heights, 14-1 Courthard, 3-3-1 officer.

6.50 TRINITY STAKES (CLASS C) £7,000 added 270 6f 215 HELL MACEC (13) (D) D Beworth 9 O...

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7.20 GUINNESS HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added 3YO 1m 553005 TYCOON CERL (9) B Meeten 9 7. __B Dovie 9 103501 POLARIZE (7) (D) T Berron 8 9 (5es)..... ...Dane O'Helli 5 __D Hostand 4 045024 WARREOR KING (125 C Dayer 7 10 ... 0-0050 ISCA MADEN (20) P Hayeart 7 10 ... - 9 declared -.....D Williams (7) 8

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7.50 DOWNING CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,300 added 370 6f

	ak HOW, 30	3-1 Venve Clicquot	
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9	00	MOREDUM (9) Baiding 8 2	ں ہیں۔۔۔ : حدادہ ث
10		HEAVENLY MISS (11) (D)) Bridger 8 1	. Robert Courses
11	0-3005	PETITE DANSEUSE (17) C Dayer 8 1	M Verter ?
12	346000	WHIZZ KID (11) J Bridger 7 11	D Day /7
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8.20 MAGDALENE HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,000 added fillies & mares 7f | COSSIGN | CANONIC | CANO

SETTING: 5-2 La Doice Vita, 11-4 Karanum, 5-1 Q Point, 8-1 Octobia HB, Cataumanier, 18-1 Neutands Corner, 12-1 Good News, 14-1 Glucs Quoen, 25-1 Maganas

Ottey on course for one last hurrah

Mike Rowbottom on the 37-year-old queen of sprinting, who hopes to add a world championship 100 metres title in Athens to her vast collection

'If I had to

he full realisation of how world of athletics came home to Merlene Ottey four years ago in Stuttgart's Gottleib Daimler stadium, as she received a prolonged torrent of sympathetic applause while ac-cepting the world championship 100 metres silver medal.

Her reception outdid that afforded to the winner of the event. Gail Devers, who was given the verdict by one thousandth of a second after both athletes had recorded 10.94sec.

alised how much I was appreciated by people." Oftey said yesterday. "After that moment I would not let track and field stress me any more. I was just going to run for the fun of it. The gold medal is not always so important."

At 37, the woman who has long been referred to as the Queen of Sprint-

ing – and who recently described herself as the retire tomorrow "Grandmother of Sprinting" has established herself in the sport's history. Since

I would be content. Anything else started her international canow is just reer in 1979, the graceful an extra' maican amassed medals in major

championships, including a record number of 13 in the world championships. "I consider I've done a lot in

track and field." she said. "If I had to retire tomorrow. I would be content. Anything else now is just an extra. Her sentiments are under-

standable. Grandmother, however, has not finished yet: indeed, her desire to compete for those extra medals has out- to qualify. lasted even that of her sometime training partner and contemporary. Linford Christie.

company, Ottev and Christie sat together under the TV lights yesterday garbed in robes designed on the theme of Ancient Greece and wearing replicas of be wild cards." the laurel wreaths which marked the first Olympic from the hamstring injury which Olympic final last year, Mariechampions.

drawn from the World Chamn-

Athens, without offering an ex-

Torrence, 32, was granted a

official said yesterday.

ionships, starting tomorrow in out of the US trials.

planation, a United States team the US Track and Field's na-

wild card by the International from one of her agents last night Amateur Athletic Federation to to say that Gwen had withdrawn

But while the King of sprintmuch she is valued in the ing has abdicated - Christie is only here to watch - the Queen remains, seeking to maintain her sway in what must, realistically, he her last global champ-

ionship.
Three years ago I said I would retire from championships when Linford retired." she recalled with a grin. But I have no problem with the Jamaican federation or people, and as long as I am doing well I will always run for Jamaica."

When she finally does retire. That was the first time I re- Ottey plans to employ her talents within the world of fashion - she already has experience of modelling and has helped design her own brand of sports-

But a woman who describes her life as "a miracle" is not about to pin herself down with any mundane deadlines. For all the talk of running for

fun, her passion for the event still burns as bright. Last year in the Olympics, when Devers beat her once again to the 100m gold on a photofinish, Ottey was regally indignant. She said quite plainly that she had been cheated

Olympic utile because Devers - who was given the verdict by five thousandths of a second - had broken the finish line with her shoulder rather than her torso.

The indignance returned yes terday when she was asked to comment upon the International Amateur Athletic Federation's late decision to award wild card entries to all defending champions who had failed

"I don't like the way it has been done." said Ottey, who had to travel to Jamaica from her At the behest of their shoe home in Monte Carlo to compete in her national trials. "I really believe that if Michael Johnson had not been injured for the US trials there wouldn't

> This year Ottev has recovered prevented her contesting the Jose Perec. Her chances in the always seem to provide and go on. she said. "I don't than any of the others.



Merlene Ottey shows the style that has amassed 32 medals in major championships

"There are so many good

"The [EU] restrictions are ab-

the Nice Grand Prix on the eve of the meeting, again without field," Giorgio Reineri, a try in contradiction with the EU

spokesman for the IAAF, said.

He added the biennial event will

start with a record 200 nations

about the nature of ambition, only doing the relay and the de-

200 metres. Ottey faces the basketball. Frenchwoman who outran her

month Torrence pulled out of

A European Union ban on

in protest of its human rights and without a single outcast.

sporting contacts with Nigeria

giving an explanation.

world indoor championships shorter sprint look brighter in surprises, so I have to be ready and, if there were any doubt the absence of Devers, who is to produce my best."

SPORTING DIGEST

That is something she has

"And the world championships defeats. "I accept those losses would probably mean more

ing sanctions. "It is absolutely

appalling to have World

Championships in an EU coun-

common position." Lotte Le-

icht, the European Director of

Human Rights Watch, said. The 15 EU nations, includ-

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hide away or say I am going to retire like a lot of people do." you have only to look at her to clarify it.

fending champion, Gwen Torstriven to produce since she not something that she is preclarify it.

fending champion, Gwen Torstriven to produce since she not something that she is preclarify it. "I changed my hair a week main challenger appears to be keeping one stride ahead of the ago." Ottey said. "It's something marion Jones, the formidable boys in the back streets of her the medals." she said. "But not for good luck. A goldish colour. up-and-coming talent making a home village of Hanover, 12 now." When that time comes. Let's see what happens." In the return to the sport from US miles from Montego Bay. the tally is very likely to be more Her biggest asset, she be-lieves, is her ability to get straight And a global 100 metres gold, in the finishing straight of the sprinters around," Ottey said. back to running after setbacks or after nearly 20 years of trying,

Her championship record is the tally is very likely to be more

Torrence makes late exit as Nigeria's presence disrupts calm Gwen Torrence, the world 100 defend the title she won two metres champion, has with- years ago in Gothenburg, after did not give a specific reason African nation from attending cised the failure to apply sport- on Nigeria on 4 December 1995 after the military regime of General Sani Abacha exe-

> activist. Ken Saro-Wiwa. The sanctions included a ban on Nigerian sports teams com-

cuted nine opponents, includ-

ing the author and human rights

peting at events in EU countries.

(Pomardawe) bt M L Grifints Whoodake Park) 3 and 2; N B Edwards (Whoodawe) bt J Pugh (Whoodawe) 3 and 2; Donaldson bt Dawes 3 and 1; Burton bt Byles 5 and 4; Smith bt Price 2 and 1; Williams bt Austerberry 4 and 3; Camp-bell bt M Smith 3 and 2; Pillangion bt Sump-son 5 and 4; Raes bt Powel 3 and 1; Rowe bt Edwards 1 hole.

Thorn handed one-match ban for high tackle

Rugby League DAVE HADFIELD

Brisbane Broncos will be without Brad Thorn for their final World Club Championship match at Halifax on Monday.

Their versatile forward was sent off for a high tackle on London's Tony Martin in the match between the two sides on Sunday and was suspended for one match at a disciplinary hearing

Brisbane, one of four unbeaten Australian sides in Group A of the competition, are unlikely to be greatly inconve-nienced by his absence against opponents who have not won a

Before that, Canterbury, al-ready eliminated from the reckoning by being beaten twice by Wigan, have little but pride to play for at London Broncos. who can heat Wigan to the top qualifying spot if they win

The Wigan stand-off, Nigel Wright is to see a specialist over the flare-up of a groin injury that threatens to continue his

vretched luck with injuries. John Cartwight will make his comeback after a broken arm - delayed last week by a training accident - in Salford's match against Adelaide on Sun-

day. His team-mate Andy Platt. who suffered one of the game's quickest injuries when he pulled a harnstring chasing the kick-off against North Queensland, also hopes to be fit.

Auckland Warriors, who have been assured that there will be a place for them in Super League next season, could be preparing to use their wingman. Lee Oudenryn, as a bargaining counter to try to prise Henry Paul from Wigan.

Oudenryn, who once beat Martin Offiah in a challenge sprint, will be, after the departure of Denis Betts to Wigan, the only non-New Zealander left at a club now committed to a home-grown policy.
Perth Reds, unlike Auck-

land, have failed to gain any as-surances about their future. Players emerged from a video conference with Super League officials yesterday uncertain whether they will have a club to

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play for next season.
That could help Paris when the sides meet at the Waca today. Victory for the French side, who promote Matt O'Connor and Craig Menkins to the starting line-up, would put pressure on Leeds, who are likely to be without lestyn Harris when they play North Queensland on Sunday, in the struggle for first place in European Group A.

Lampard secures **European place**

Equestrianism

GENEVIEVE MURPHY reports from Brockenhurst

Di Lampard made sure of a place on the British squad for this month's European Show Jumping Championships yes-terday, when she and Abbervail Dream finished second in the Dibden Ford International Team Trial on the closing day of the New Forest and Hamp-

shire County Show. Lampard failed to halt John Whitaker's monopoly of the major prizes here, for the Yorkshireman defeated her with Virtual Village Randi to win the principal class for the third day running. He would have been runner-up as well, but for a quarter time fault in the first round and a rare jumping error in the second on Welham, with whom he won this year's Aachen Grand Prix. John Whitaker is bound to be selected for

and he has not chased points with much urgency in the team trials, Lampard, on the other hand, has been pursuing them for all she is worth in the knowledge that the top three on points will automatically be

picked for the squad of five. Yesterday Abbervail Dream made his only mistake when dropping a foot in the water in the first of two rounds over demanding courses which, according to Whitaker, were igger than those built forthe first trial at Windsor in May.

This evening's Nations Cup at Gijon in Spain will be the last contest in which points can be earned. Both Michael Whitaker and Robert Smith could move into the lead with two good rounds, but no one else is in a position to overtake Lampard.

the European Championships Dream (Trampant) 20pts; 2 Virtual Vi

Hingis sweeps clean

Martina Hingis, the Australian Open and Wimbledon champion, brushed aside the American, Venus Williams, 6-2, 6-1 in 50 minutes in the second round of the Toshiba Classic in Carlsbad. Calfornia, to take her match record for 1997 to 51 wins against one defeat. Hingis, who received a first-round bye, was coming off her eighth title of the year following her victory on Sunday in Palo Alto.

Williams, long touted as a potential No 1, looked far from being a serious rival to Hingis, who

Belfast hopes to have a Superleague team based at the brand new £100m Odyssey indoor arena in the Millenni-

urr. It was confirmed yesterday that the London-based firm loe Hockey Enter-prises have applied for a Superleague franchise on behalf of Northern ireland.

If the application is successful, the 'Belfast Giants' will play at the Odyssey'

arena, which is part of a Millennium Commission-backed entertainment, sport, lesure and education complex due to be completed by mid-2000.

St Helens have signed Mark Edmond-son, the 17-year-old second-row forward from Vale of Lune rugby union club. Ed-mondson, who has represented Lan-cashire and North of England colts, has signed a three-and-a-half year contract.

CANADIAN OPEN MEN'S TOURNAMENT

(Montreel) Singles, second round: M Chang (US) bt S Stolle (Aus) 6-0 1-0 (ret); G luani-

ice hockey

Rugby League

games to move into the quarter-finals. "I played very good match today," Hingis, the top seed whose lone loss this year came in the French Open final, said. "I played the way I wanted to play and did a pretty good job." Williams was often her own

reeled off 10 of the last 11

worst enemy, committing 19 of her 25 unforced errors in the opening set. "She's patient and waits for you to make an error or rush yourself," Williams said. Monica Seles, the No 2 seed. staggered toward a possible

meeting with Hingis in the final by surviving a sloppy match with Ai Sugiyama, of Japan, 6-4, 0-4.

Rasekthall

Sheffield Sharks have sened the 6ft 6in forward Jason Medford, who was born in Coventry but moved to Canada with his parents as a youngster. The 23-year-old graduated from the University of St Mary's in Halifax, Canada, this summer.

BOWIS

10: PRIS SCOTTISH NATIONAL CHAMPION-SHIPS (Morthfield, Ayr) Singles first round: R Frame (Prestorgrange) by th Mortab (Dean) 21: 19: G Mache (West End Participity) by 8 Henris (Denbeath 21: 7: D Ban (Stringburn) by 8 Gail (Tourindin) 21: 14: S Borne (House of Danot) by 8 Homes (Bouge of Danot) by 8 Homes (Bouge of Danot) by 18 Homes (Bouge of Danot) by 18 Homes (Bouge of Danot) by 18 Homes (Gader orang) 21: 13: I Robertson (Mortguthter) by 1 McLean (Campbellow Argint 21: 13: F Kimmers (Port Glasgow) by 5 Forest (Eddersood) 21: 13: D Gourlay (Ambank) by 1 Vulle (Biggar) 21: 8: G Bortana (Dalny) by 10 Miller (Gala-Warefey) 21: 13: I Condy (Particip by D Miller) (Sala-Warefey) 21: 13: I Condy (Particip by D Miller) (Sala-Warefey) 21: 13: I Saladigare (21: 13: R Hondesson (Particip by 18: Sociatio) (Albo Co-op) 21: 12: A McConsol (Martgare) 11: T (Introduced the 21: 15: H Duff (Cumberrauld) by 1 Microsh (Means) 21: 6.

Cricket Laura MacLeod, a 19-year-old all rounder from Nantwich, Cheshire, has been included in the England squad to face South Africa in five one-day intemationals next month. MacLeod, a ju-nsor international, won her place after international writer and spring tran-ing. Clare Cornor, a slow left-arm bowler from Hove, Sussex, has been recalled after missing out against New Zealand last summer, but there is no place for 16-year-old Sarah Collyer, who is among three reserves. South Aftica's visil still be their liest and the sides have set sides have the sides have not met since 1960-61, when England played four Test matches in South Africa. conning the senes 1-0, Karen Smithes retains the captaincy of the England side while Sue Meticalite is promoted to vice

CREATED. WOMEN'S SQUAD (One-day in-ternational series v South Africa, Augusti: Smithies (cart, East Mularids, Metraine (v-cart, Indishue), Brittin (Surey), Cassar (East Hollands), Commo (Succes), Daniel (West Mid-texts: Edwards (East Angla), Long (Yorkstee),

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(Ukr) 4 (age; 0-8); Dynamo The
(Geor) 5 Crusaders 1 (age; 8-2); Manbor
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However, Ashland Whitfield,

tional team co-ordinator, said

yesterday: "I got a phone call

castis 3; Emiley O Scarborough 1; Fernborough 2 Queen's Park Rangers 2; Reiner Athletic 2 Barnet 1; Gentoran 0 Brackpool O; Harrogate 1 Leeds 8; Hythe 2 Stockpool O; Huroln Cay 3 Grinsby 1; Mareslield 1, Manchester Cay 7; Morecambe 1 Bolton 3; Newry O Middlesbrough 5; Northwood O Middles 13; Portsmout 1 Cheisea 4; Purfleet O Criston 31 4; Rushden & Damonds 3 Ipswint 5; Smeunsbury 1 Tellind 0; Stoke 2 Covertry 0; TEX United O Sharmock Rowers 2; Torquay 2 Okidham 2; Wigson O Huddlesshield 2; Wolung O Birstol Rowers 2; Wednam 1 Wolves 2, Risign Langues Societt Washington DC Util 4 Columbus Crew 2. Libertadores Cup semi-finals second leg: Sporting Oristol (Perul 4 Racing Cub) (Arg 1 Lagge 5-4); Colo Colo (Chiel 3) Chucaro (Bra) 2 (agg: 3-3), Chucaro (Bra) 5-4 on peralless).

knee and leg injuries kept her and I did not ask." Earlier this

wrem u.m WDC WORLD MATCHPLAY (Whater Gardens, Blackpoolt: D Presdey bt S Burgens 8-5; R Bur-nett bt P Lam 9-7; P Exson bt A Ridler 8-5; P Tarkor bt M Manning 8-2, Quarter-finishs (bost of 21 legis: R Hannighon bt K Spotek 11-5; A Wanner ot D Prestley 11-7; A Wanner bt D Prest-

Golf
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Football

7.30 unless state JOHN UZZELL TESTIMONIAL: TORQUBY LIST v COV-JOHN IZZELL TESTIMONIAL: Torquey Uki v Coventry Cry.
FRISHOULY MAZCHES: Akkershot v Southampioric
Altrocham v Manchester City XI. Barnet v Erifield
(7,45): Bontsley v Santos Birs (17,45): Bristol
City v Esertori, Chesterfield v Derbyshire: Drogheda v Hult, Droghsten v Huddensheld XI. Exiter v
Cotham (7,0): Folhem v Charton (7,45): Heltex v Donobster, Lancaster v Bolton XI, Northernoton v Stoke (7,45): Northwich v Tammer (7,0);
Petarbyeough v Alonach (7,45): Petarby v Léicester; Wagan v West Bromwich (7,45): York v Davlington (7,45): Geinsborough v Rotherham XI.

Rugby League VISA WORLD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP Fool & London Broness v Canterbary (7.30), Pool B: Perth Reds v Parts St-Germain (11.30am).

the Championships.

ing, R McFartane, P Wältzn, M Mackenzle, S Henderson, I Lomas, P Affects, B May (USI; 75 A Cohart, C Cewaler (Fr. R Davis (Nat.), P) Harsson (Swe); 78 A Sandynell, P O'Malley (Mas.), Scalali (VIC); 77 Lan-Wie Zhang (Cin.), P Broathrast, Jun Cheng Ichi, O Selberg (Swe); 78 G Orr.

188 SCOTTISH AMATEUR CHAMPPONSHIP (Camoustie) Fourth round: B McDermot (Leven Thethel bit G Gordon (Newmacher) at 19th; T McLary (Blangburne) in S Renne (Andree) 5 and 4; C Hasigo (Powdon) it A Forewith (Raiston) 1 hole; F McCarron (Stonetraven) bit K Raiston (Shotter et 19th; C Kelry (St Andrews Nev) bit P Jameson (Cartino Bries) 2 and 1; G Lowson (Coeff to C Pames, (Mortonhath 2 and 1; S Lughriy (Rejston) to G Campbel (Barganere) 4 and 3; S Taymholm (Niesterhope) bit F Hutzhson (Duffermine) 4 and 3; S Camp (Betshrift bit A Gold (Hamitton) 2 holes; W Taylor (Eckel) bit R Thoman (Cartinos) 4 and 3; D Murzhy (Thomton) to G Rependent of A Formar (Winacolm) 7 and 6; D Paton (Durniser Park) 4 and 2; A Laurence (Betberton) th A Formar (Winacolm) 7 and 6; D Paton (Durniser Park) 4 and 2; A Laurence (Betberton) th A Formar (Winacolm) 7 and 6; D Paton (Durniser Park) 4 and 6; D Raton (Mortifeth) 2 roles; G For (West Middle) bit R Beames (Wick) 2 and 1; Notley) 1t McDermott at 20th, Histop bit McCorno 5 and 4, Lowson th Kelly 5 and 3, Trynholm to Lougrey 3 and 2, Carms bit Toylor 2 and 1, Notley) 1 Mer to Murphy 3 and 2, Paton to t Laurence 1 hole, Fox bit Home 5 and 4.

ENGLISH AMATEUR CHAMPONSHEP (Roys) 1 liverpool Golf Calch, Holpaleg Fourth Found.

NOTOR RACING: British Touring Car Crampion ship (Hnoddrill): Ulster Rally (Bellest). ship (Vincelitall); Uster Rally (Belfast). TEXMES: LTA Sateline Tournament (Biley).

ENGLISH AMATEUR CHAMPIONISHIP (Noy-al Liverpool Golf Club, Hoyfalo) Fourth round: M J Blackey (Hayling) to R Wisson John O'Gaunty) 4 and 2; R Duck (Northemptonshire County) bt 0 Peel (Stackport) 4 and 2: 8 1 Dyson (Sand Moor) bt 1 E Toman (Wharton Park) 1 hole; M Carver (West Kent) bt G J Bradley (Branhell) 4 and 3: 8 P Webster (Mold) bt C J Smath (Scar-

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Speedway 7.30 unless sten

ELITE LEAGUE: Belle Vie v Swindort, King's Lynn v Coventry (7.45). PREMIER LEAGUE: Arene Esser v Glasgam (8.0); Edmburgh v Shefield, Newport v isle of Vinga. (7.0); Output v Stoke (7.45).

> Other sports DARTS: WDC World Matchplay (Blackpool).

Prince Foley.

GOLF: English Amateur Chembonship (Royal Liv etpod. Hoyalett (488 Sostish Amateur Chempon ship (Camasalet: SPIA Chemponship (St Andrews) Sonor Mystere (Westworth). MOTORCYCLING: World Superpile Ch (Brands Hatch).

borough South Criff 2 and 1: S East iFulloring by F McGurit (Princes) 1 hole: M Keeling (Bursten) bt R Bissell (Warrstead) 2 holes: A Warrsteady (Barterth) bt C Roote (Gerrards Coss) 2 and 1; K A Ferrie (Wirmburth bt R C W Dee (Oset) 2 holes: P Streeter (Getton Woods) bt J Jones (Enfeld) 5 and 4: M C Reynard (Moseley) bt O J Whiteley (Helborough) and 2: M Harts (Newth bt N Richardson (Werrworth) 3 and 2: Harts (Newth bt N Richardson (Werrworth) 3 and 2: R Firch (Huff) bit G Dowes (Canwick) Party 2 and 1; P Rove (West Commod) bt L G Orchard (Broadstone) 1 hole: R M Roper (Canwick) Party 2 and 1; P Rove (West Commod) bt J L G Orchard (Broadstone) 1 hole: R M Roper (Canwick) Manufall (Edalphonship) (P) was the Canwind of the Constant) of the Canwind (R Buckles) 3 and 2 M R Dowes (Permand) bt O J Pughe (Oswestny) 2 and 1; D is byles (Montrourfship) bt H L James (Rady) 3 and 2 M J Burton (West Wiles) bt M L Dowes (Permand) bt 1 Shirt (Montrourfship) bt H L James (Rady) 3 and 2 M R Dowes (Permand) bt 1 M Booth (P) e and Kerlig 2 and 1; A Smith (Stronday) bt R Boothoms (Cregoul) 2 and 1; C Rasterberry (Rady) bt C Platt (Westham) 2 holes: C Williams (Cregoul) bt C P Richards (Bartharnham) bt G S Rees (Southerndown) 3 and 2: M P Releage (Carwing) 2 and 1; C Rose (Canwing) 1 bt Y Taylor (Bryshell) 2 and 1; C Rose (Canwing) 1 bt Y Taylor (Bryshell) 2 and 1; C Rose (Canwing) 1 bt Y Taylor (Bryshell) 2 and 1; C Rose son 5 and 4; Rees to Powell 3 and 1; Rowe to Edwards 1 hole. MASTERCARD TOUR (MB Ride, Accept Leading accord-round scores: 136 S Andrew (Chirere) 65 70; 1 Cook (Learning) a and County 6 76 9; 138 N Brown (Mid Herrs) 67 71; 5 Codd (Barry) 71, 67, 139 W Hearlett (Royal Blackheath) 73 66; P Wesselingh (Hawkstone Park) 73 66; 1 Wesselingh (Hawkstone Park) 73 69; 143 S Bennett (Swingtone: Garmsby) 68 73. PRA EUROPEAN CHALLENGE TOUR TURNOSH OPEN (Klassis, in Istanbul) Leading first-round scores (68 or fit unless statend); 65 8 Dreige. P Gottindsson (Swel; 67 M Pendares (Fr. 68 H Kartson (Swel; 67 M Pendares (Fr. 68 H Kartson (Swel; 67 Lateny (Fr.) W Bennett, G Owen, S Watson, L Jahry (Fr.) W Bennett, G Owen, S Watson, L Jahry (Fr.) W Bennett, G Owen, S Watson, L Jahry (Fr.) W Bennett, G Owen, S Watson, J Robinson; 71 S Cronn, S Burnell, J Hearley-worth, A Barmett, M Pullan, D R Jones 72 M Hassiden, J Heafey, S Doerton, M Litton, R Diskunan, R Winchester.

GOODWOOD 2.15: 1. DAZZIE ij Reid) 11.4: 2. Un-conditional Love 33-1; 3. Miss Reitern 20-1. 8 ran. 9-4 fau Ch Neike (BN), ½, nt. (M Stotte). Totte 53.80; £1.60. £3.10, £3.20. Dual Forecast: £45.80. CSF: £78.38. 2.45: 1. DAGCERS DRAWN (N Fallon) 9-13 bay 2. Lord (Wayter 10-1: 3. Bodygaard 9-2. 6 ran. 1½. 3½. (H Cecil. Totte: £1.80; £1.40, £3.00. DF; £7.40. CSF: £7.89. NR:

3.20: 1. DOUBLE TRIGGER (M Roberts) 18-1; 2. Chassic Clicke 5-4 fav. 3. Double Eclipse 12-1 10 ran. 17, ". (M Johnston). Tota: £15-90; £2-70, £1-40, £2-70, DF: £13-00, CSF: £32,04. Tro: £19-80. 3.50: 1. FLY TO THE STARS 10 Resier)
14-1; 2. Crumpton Hill 12-1; 3. Pride Of
Pendie 40-1; 4. Strano 8-1, 20 ran. 5-1 fav
Mawngo. 1½, ns. (M. Johnson). Tober
£16.10: £3.50, £4.50, £5.80, £2.60. DF: 5104.50. CSF: £130.44. Tricast: £5.284.96. Tro: £1.618.00. NRs: Cosmic Prince, Emerging Methet. Cosmic Prince (14-1) withdrawn

not under orders, Rule 4 applies to all bets,

tron Sp in the pound.

RACING RESULTS 4.25: 1. MIDNIGHT LINE (K Falon) 15-8 fav; 2. Doorma 6-1; 3. Alborada 51-4, 11 ren. %, 1%, (H Cocs). Tota: £3.10; £1.30, £2.20, £1.50. Dr. £11.60. CSF: £10.93, Tog

£13.00. NR: Royal Bounty. 5.00: 1. MISLEAD (M Henry) 12-1: 2. 5.00: 1. MISLEAD IM Herry 12-1; 2. Desert Lady 3: 1 far; 3. Stantanca 12-1; 11 ran. /r. 1/k. U Moure!. Tote: £18.00; £3.70. £1.80. £2.80. DF: £45.70. €3F: £46.15. Tricast: £417.19. Tru: £185.30. 5.35: 1. TRIBAL PEACE IR Franchi 10-1; 2. Bowellife 12-1; 3. Chairmans Cholee 20-1; 4. Plan For Profit 14-1; 18 ran. 5-1 fav Renata's Prince; 7. nk. (8 Gubby). Tote: £14.70; £2.70. £5.20. £6.10. £4.00. DF: £138.50. CSF. £116.95. Tricast: £2.267.57. Tric: £1.384.00. Jedgot: Not won; £33.640.28 camed forward to Goodwood today. Jackpot: Not won: 235,040.20 ward to Goodwood today.
Placepot: £90.10. Quadpot: £14.80.
Place 6: £107.96. Place 6: £23.39.

DONCASTER 2.30: 1. PARADISE NAVY (Mrs. E. Rams-den) 15-2; 2. Arian Spirit, 11-8 fav. 3. Klondike Charger 5-1. 5 ran. nt, 10. IC Egston). Totae £6.30; £2.20. £1.60. DF: £4.30. CSF: £16.94, NR: Palamon.

3:05: 1. HAAMS (R Hills) 8:15 far, 2. Track-ing 9-2: 3. Calchas 7-2. 4 ran. nk, 2. (J Durt-

iopi. Tote: £1.50. OF: £1.70. CSF: £3.10. 3.35: 1. WELCOME HEIGHTS (F Notion) 3-19: 1. PRILITABLE HEIGHTS (F. NOTON)
5-1; 2. Dummer Goff Time 4-1 far; 3. Ortole 6-1; 4. Boilin Durothy 14-1: 19 rea., 1½,
nk. (M. Fetherston-Godey). Tote: £10.50;
£2.00, £2.10, £1.70, £3.30, DF: £32.10,
CSP. £38-11. Tricss: £210.26. Tric: £58.00.
NRs: Crompton Lights, Strat's Quest.
4.10: 1. BEAUGHAMP NRIG (GCarlet) 4-1;
2. Instrat il timeskesh 12-2: 8 (Memorit 12-4). 2. Januari Jumahrah 13-2; 3. Kumahi 12-1 7 ran. 5-2 lav Sunbaam Dance (5th). Hd. hd. U Duniopi. Tote: £4.40; £2.50, £2.30. DF: £14.30. GSF: £23.86.

4.45: 1. ALWAYS ON MY MIND IS Sandersi 7-2; 2. Many Magitalene 5-2; 3. Style Demoer 10-1. 7 ran. 15-8 fav March Crussder: Nk, 5. [P Makin]. Tote: £4.30: £1.90, £3.10. DF: £13.10. CSF: £18.08.

5.20. 1. FAIRY PRINCE (Forume) 7-2; 2. Royal Dome 3-1 fav: 3. Archaele 11-2. 7 ran. 4:, 14:. (Mrs A King), Tota: £3.50; £2.10, £2.10. DF: £4.00. CSF: £13.38. Placepot: £85.50. Quadpot: £21.70. Place 6: £87.35. Place 5: £46.04.

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(Amsterdam) Singles, quarter finals MT-ippin (Uni) br. 1 Sanchez (Sp) 7-6 6-1; S Dosedel (Cz Rep) bt J van Lotrum (Neth) 6-4-4-6-2.

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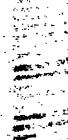
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Adams tames a grizzly wicket

Cricket

TOMMY STANIFORTH Chris Adams hit a superb century off 107 balls to put Derby-

shire in control after the first day of their Britannic Assurance County Championship base-ment battle against Durham at Chester-le-Street. A pitch of uneven bounce resulted in 16 wickets falling to prompt the obligatory call to

Lord's as bad light ended play with 13 overs remaining.
At that point Durham, nine points ahead of Derbyshire before the start of play, were struggling on 109 for 6 in reply to the visitors' 254. Only Jon Lewis (36) and Mike Foster (37 not out) reached double figures

for the home side. After Derbyshire were put in by Durham Adams became the second Derbyshire player in

successive matches to score 100 before lunch as he followed the example set by Adrian Rollins at Cheltenham last week. Adams reached his second

championship century of the season by hitting James Boiling over long-off for his only six, be-fore he fell for 107, pulling the first ball he faced after lunch to long leg. Durham's bowling fell apart under Adams' onslaught and they took time to recover as Vince Clarke and Matthew Vandrau put on 60 in 14 overs for the fifth wicket.

The variable bounce was underlined as Melvyn Betts produced a lifter to remove Karl Krikken and a shooter two balls later to bowl Phil DeFreitas as the last six wickets went down for 22 runs in six overs. Simon Brown, who became the first player to make 100 first-class appearances for Durham, finished with 4 for 63.

Rule of Law not applicable to others HENRY BLOFELD

reports from Colchester Essex 204-2 v Leicestershire

It was a pertinent commentary on the events of this summer that when England's leading batsman, Nasser Hussain, reached 50, Stuart Law, from Queensland and not asked to tour England with Australia, had made % - although he had batted for 15 fewer minutes. While Hussain's present run of good form continued, he was eclipsed by Law's wonderful stroke play on a day when rain claimed 45 overs.

It really was as though there was one rule for us and another for them. Law's confidence and assurance was only matched by Ricky Ponting at Headingley in the recent fourth Test.

Law's driving forms the basis of his game, but his cutting and pulling is no less effective and, if you bowl at his pads, it is at your peril. All this, after Leicestershire, who had lost the toss, had quickly removed the Essex

Paul Prichard was caught Church will bat at No 4.

and bowled off one from Alan Mullally which lifted unexpectedly and at the same score, nine, Darren Robinson was well caught at third slip when he went after a wide one from

David Millns. After that, it was an endless succession of lovely strokes. Hussain is no slouch but he was content to let Law have his head, for trying to keep up with such a formidable player in this form only invites disaster. Law's 100 took 147 balls and

altogether he faced 162 balls for his 124 not out. He hit 15 fours and three sixes, one which flew into the main sponsors' mar-Hussain has so far faced 170

balls for his 52. Another point of interest came when the game was held up by the arrival of the Daily Telegraph correspondent's labrador in the middle of the

■ Gloucestershire are resting three of their regular batsmen for today's four-day match with Pakistan A in Bristol. Matt Windows and Nick Trainor are given the chance to forge an opening partnership and Matt

Paul Taylor collected his third five-wicket haul of the season as Northamptonshire reduced Yorkshire to 163 for 9 on a shortened first day at Headingley. He exploited helpful conditions in which the ball swung,

moved off the seam and occasionally bounced disconcertingly to finish with figures of 5 for 42 in 15 overs. The batsmen were also handicapped by bad light and rain which cut 53 overs out of the day.

Craig White and Bradley Parker threatened some resistance in a fifth-wicket stand which yielded 48 in 11 overs, but Yorkshire surrendered too many wickets to errors of judgement. Parker, whose 26 was the the

top score, was a notable ex-ception in that he was bowled by a delivery from Scott Boswell which kept wickedly low. Yorkshire, who opted to bat

after winning the toss, were grateful to take advantage of the poor light which brought an early finish The home side are without

the services of Peter Hartley. who goes into hospital at the weekend for a hernia operation. His place was taken by Alex Morris because their preferred replacement, Ryan Sidebottom, is on duty with the England Under-19 side. The Australian captain Mark

Taylor has been forced to miss Australia's four-day game against Somerset today with a recurring back injury.

Taylor has been advised by

the team physiotherapist, Errol Alcott, to take a break from cricket and spend some time with his family. According to Alcott, the injury is "minor" and Taylor will be fit in time for the fifth Test at Trent Bridge next

Graveney runs rule as rain sets in again ADAM SZRETER Before this match began stopped the light was no longer

reports from Worcester Worcestershire 58-0

The appearance of David Graveney, England's chairman of selectors, caused comfortably the biggest stir of another rainruined day's cricket.

Worcestershire had lost a staggering 1,254 overs to the weather in their eight Championship games, which means precisely one and a half day's kicking their heels during every match. Only 16 overs were possible yesterday, in the hour immediately before lunch, after which a steady drizzle set in for the afternoon and by the time it had

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up to it. Tom Moody and Tim Curtis

dealt with everything that Dean Headley. Alan Igglesden and Paul Strang had to offer, racing to 47 off the first 10 overs. Curtis brought the 50 up with a beautiful square drive off Strang, whose first over went for 10 - but that was that as far as the play was concerned.

Nasser Hussain, of Essex, hits out to midwicket on his way to a half-century against

Graveney's presence was first believed to be connected to that of Graeme Hick, although the official explanation was that be was there to run the rule over Kent's Headley and Mark Ealham. But if Graveney is here again today, and Hick clatters Headley and Ealham all over New Road, who knows what might happen at tomorrow's se-

lection meeting?

Ryder review on selection

European Tour officials are studying proposals to broaden the Ryder Cup qualification system which will not penalise players playing on other Tours. Ken Schofield, the Tour executive director, said instead of the 10 automatic places being de-

cided solely on European events in the 12 months prior to the Ryder Cup, world rankings could also he taken into account. Schofield was responding to a call on Wednesday by Colin Montgomerie, the European

No 1 for the past four years, for the 12 members of the team to he selected according to their world rankings.
The issue has been highlighted by the plight of USbased Swede Jesper Parnevik, currently ranked 15th in the

world and runner-up in the British Open two weeks ago. Because he is no longer a European Tour member, the only way he can qualify for the team is by gaining one of the two wild cards from the captain, Seve

Schofield said he was against selecting players solely from

the world rankings and preferred a combination of the European points table and the world rankings.

The executive director said this would then not penalise players playing events on other tours, providing they played the minimum of 11 events on their home European Tour.

This could pave the way for players such as Montgomeric and some of Europe's top youngsters, such as Lee Westwood and Darren Clarke, to play more events on the US Tour.

While the European Tour minimum appearance qualifi-cation is 11 events, the US Tour demands a minimum of 15. The four majors count as being part of both Tows.

In Malmö yesterday, Padraig Harrington shot a six-under-par 66 in the first round of the Volvo Scandinavian Masters to move one step nearer a celebrated Walker Cup and Ryder Cup double. Irishman Harrington, 25, three times a Walker Cup player before turning professional two years ago, has hit superb form in recent weeks and is now in line for making the European Ryder Cup team at Valderrama next month.

Souyave keeps faith in youth

Hockey BILL COLWILL reports from Harare

England start their campaign here this afternoon against Canada in their World Cup qualifier with two good wins against the Canadians behind them this year - just last month they won 4-0 in Seoul. Coach Maggie Souyave has

held faith with the young players she has been blooding since she took over three years ago. Five players in the squad here in Harare are under 21 and are set to play a prominent role in England's efforts to qualify for next year's World Cup in Utrecht_ England, who have been here

for the past 10 days to acclimatise, arrived to find their hotel commandeered by the government and were billeted with private families for the first

three days. They have put in some good practice, however. including training games against Spain and a visiting Australian Institute of Sport.

After Canada they play India and then on Monday they face what could be their most difficult game, against Ireland. The Irish have had some im-

pressive results during their build-up, including a 2-0 win against Scotland and a goalless draw with Spain. Captain Jeanette Turner is back from injury but they will be without the in-

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Moles suffers curse of being captain

reports from Edgbaston Warwickshire 50-0 v Sussex

Only 16 overs were possible on a grey day here yesterday - but that was long enough for Warwickshire to increase their casualty list this season when their opener Andy Moles was obliged to retire after breaking the little finger of his left hand.

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County Championship

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country will probably exchange knowing looks at this news, bearing in mind Edgbaston's recent record, so it should be stressed that Moles was unlucky enough to encounter the wrong ball that bounced erratically as he played forward to Vasbert Drakes.

It had taken Drakes sometime to locate a full length - coming fresh from a very flat pitch at Derby he probably got over excited at seeing the new ball bounce generously - and Moles had not ventured much when he

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met a delivery that leapt at him and pinned his hand to the bat handle. Moles joins two other War-

wickshire captains, Tim Munton and Nick Knight on the sidelines. It is not yet clear how complicated the break is, but Moles is expected to be out of action for at least a fortnight; but, no matter what the medical advice is, Warwickshire's Nat West Trophy semi-final against Sussex here on 13 August will loom large in his thoughts.

Warwickshire v Sussex

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CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Before Moles' mishap, Mark Wagh, playing his third championship match, had commended himself with some good looking strokes, notably a straight drive for four off the back foot which is usually a hint of latent talent.

Both openers were no doubt hoping to make the most of what the pitch offered once they had survived the new ball but first Moles's injury - and then the weather turned it into one of those miserable days.

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SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (second day of three; 110; Heatings: Leloestarshire 354 for 5 doc (D Stavers 121, D Williamson 60no, C D Crowe 58, T I Misson 54no); Sussex 63 for 1. Harrow: Hampshire 321 for 8 doc (B W White 126; T F Bloomfield 4-51); Middlesex 19 for 1. Notlingham High School: Noxinghamshire 319; Worcestershire 15 for 0. Fellicstone: Warwickshire 341 for 7dec (M D Edmond 143no, A Frost 52); Reot 65 for 3. Marsists-by-the-Sear: Sometisex 316 and 229 (M Burns 60, R J Harden 74; GM Hamilton 4-40, J D Middlebrook 4-60; Workshire 264 (R Robinson 57, I D Fisher 55, M J Wood 51; M Dimond 4-85).

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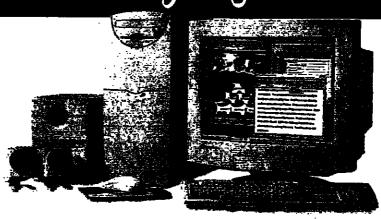
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The number of US dollars [£920,000] to be given by the 2002 winter Olympics organising committee to Tom Welch, who resigned as president after spousal battery charges. There will be a tump sum of \$1m and pension fund of \$500,000. Welch will also stay on as consultant at \$10,000 a month.

British angered by IAAF cut in drug ban

MIKE ROWBOTTOM

Linford Christie led British protests here yesterday as the ban for serious doping offences in athletics was reduced from four to two years.

"We are going backwards all of a sudden," the former British team captain said. "I think it leaves it open to people to take drugs. We should have gone forward to eight years or even a life

If we are going to eradicate doping the deterrent has to be

The change in the rule, confirmed at the International Amateur Athletic Federation's Congress ahead of the World Championships, follows a series of costly legal battles in which athletes have invoked civil law to contest the length of their

In countries such as Germany, Russia and Spain, restraint of trade legislation regards a ban of two years, rather than four, as an appropriate punishment.

In March of this year, two German athletes - Martin

strong. This is not strong Brehmer and Susan Tiedke-enough." Brehmer and Susan Tiedke-Greene - successfully applied for reinstatement half-way through four-year suspensions. Tiedke-Greene is due to compete in the World Championships starting tomorrow in the

> Two years ago, an emotional appeal by the British Athletic Federation's executive chairman, Peter Radford, swayed the IAAF Congress from changing the four-year rule which has been in place since 1991.

Alan Warner, Britain's delegate at yesterday's congress de-bate, also argued fiercely against the reduction, but the

new measure was carried by a Paul Edwards, the British shot-112-56 majority. Paul Edwards, the British shot-putter who failed to overturn his athletes to hold them to four the IAAF decision was passed

"Alan made a magnificent speech, but the minds were aiready made up," said Mary Peters, Britain's former Olympic champion and BAF president.

"The tail is being allowed to wag the dog," Warner said.
"Only 10 or a dozen nations are affected and we have 200 IAAF members. It is a bad and a sad

day for the sport."
An IAAF spokesman confirmed that athletes who have served more than half of a four-year ban would be free to seek immediate reinstatement. That will be good news for

four-year ban in court earlier this month.

The IAAF ruling that two years should be the minimum ban leaves open the possibility that national federations could suspend their athletes for longer if they chose.

Christie is all for this. "Britain should stay with the longer ban," he said. "Someone has to take a stand. The majority of our athletes are drug-free and we should be able to prove it to the rest of the world."

Warner is inclined to concur with the two-year rule. "I think

years when others are serving two, but the question has to be decided by the BAF Council."

Christie's reaction was instinctive and admirable. But the practical difficulties facing the IAAF in the face of national legislation are extremely awkward. It is the responsibility of national federations to contest civil claims by their athletes, and in most cases they cannot afford it. The BAF itself is currently facing a film lawsuit for damages from Diane Modahl following her successful appeal against a four-year doping ban.

For all that, the way in which on to the waiting world yesterday was little short of contemptuous as the IAAF president, Primo Nebiolo, attempted to skirt round the is-

sue before providing a couple

of grudging replies to questions. By the time discussion moved on to the IAAF's alteration of punishments following detection of illegal stimulants in athletes' urine, the sport's autocrat wearied of the whole

We have a problem with stimulants and we have reached an agreement," Nebiolo said, "But I regret to tell you I do not

"I'm tired of discussing the problem of doping. I like these great events, these championships with their young people. Spending so much time following the pee-pec - for me it is not nice. I believe the general secretary, who loves the nee-pee better than myself, can inform you."

Thus requested, the general secretary confirmed that the three-month ban for illegal use of stimulants had been abolished. Those found guilty of infringements in future would receive a public warning.

Ferrari extend Irvine's contract

Motor racing JON WILDE

Eddie Irvine will spend a third season with Ferrari after the Italian Formula One team vesterday decided to take up their option on the Ulsterman's services for 1998.

livine's future had been in doubt, even though he is enjoying his best season on the circuit, with four podium finishes that included a second place in the Argentinian Grand

Speculation came to a head last weekend when the 31-yearold's German Grand Prix finished on the opening lap at Hockenheim with the back of his car in flames following a collision with the Williams of Heinz-Harald Frentzen. However, a brief statement

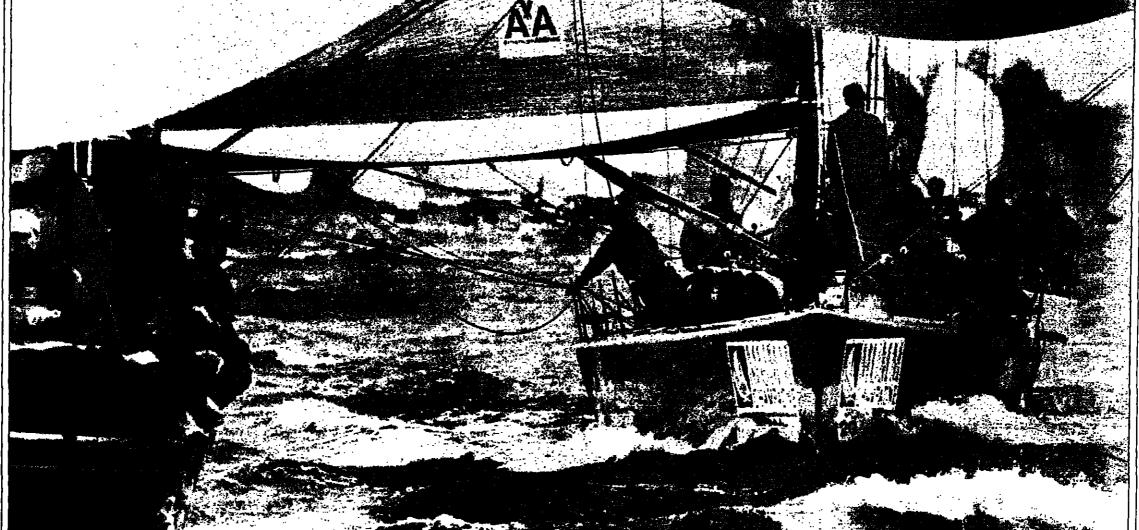
from the Maranello-based constructors confirmed that Irvine who has partnered Michael Schumacher since switching from Jordan – will retain his place in the team. "Ferrari announce that they have exercised the existing

option with Eddie Irvine in

respect of the 1998 season," the statement said. "It's the best situation for me to stay with Ferrari, as Michael and I have similar ways of driving and setting up the car," Irvine said. "I'm happy to stay with the team and maybe now we can forget about next season and concentrate on winning

the world championship." Irvine spent two seasons with Jordan before joining Ferrari and finished third in his first race for the team at Melbourne. But that proved to be Irvine's only podium finish of 1996 as Ferrari struggled with reliability problems, and doubts were raised over his future.

However, the decision to keep faith has been repaid this year, with Irvine lying sixth in the championship.



The New Zealand big boat, Numbers (left), leads the Americans aboard Jameson in the first race of the Admiral's Cup on the Solent yesterday

Indulgence find gratification on dark day of mishaps

and a welter of protests for the Mumm Admiral's Cup was a in the first race, they were second place for Graham Walker's 45-foot Corum Indulgence last turning mark, but went round it the wrong way. in both races, writes Stuart

The day opened grey and wet for the 21 yachts representing seven countries and turned blacker for a couple of them as the pressure took its toll. Worst

Alexander from the Solent.

Out of the confusion of a beavy

collision, some gear damage,

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jury, the shining bonus for the hit were the young team on Breeze, with Tommaso Chieffi The bardest hit were the stanchions and lifelines and The Italians also needed the 40-footer, Easy Oars, fell to last British three-boat team on the Britain's Mumm 36, Brad- and Eddie Warden Owen on crew of the big boat, Madina, creasing the carbon fibre hull, break as their 40-footer, Brava, after hitting a mark in the first first day of the Champagne amante. Having scored a second board. They went back and finished

leading the second into the the course again and were awarded a win, having been last, while all the others scored a sev-The rest of the fleet folenth for not finishing. The othlowed and then found they ers immediately prepared to were not given a finish when protest because Breeze had they went though the line. Off won the first Mumm 36 race, back to Cowes they went disnow rather important to the deconsolate, all except Italy's

West Lepe Buoy in the west Solent had the cable, which turns their rudder, snap. The 49-foot yacht rounded up, tacked and headed back not just into the buoy but straight into the approaching Australian 50-footer, Syd Fischer's Ragamuffin. The two collided, ripping out Raga-

their legs over the side, was hurt either by the collision or the boom scything over their yacht at head level.

Madina also had damage to the hull, but none to the crew, and Rod Davis, the skipper, said: "It may be a late night, but we will be there tomorrow for the

cruelly pushed aside by the most impressively powerful boat on the course, the German Willi Illbruck's Pinta, guided by the American, John Kostecki.

He scored two firsts and the tripie Olympic gold medallist, Jochen Schumann, steered the big boat, Rubin, to victory in the

first race provisionally to give Germany a morale-boosting filip of leading overall.

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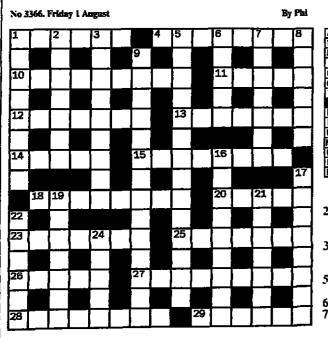
Britain, also suffering as their which after going round the None of the crew, all sitting with previously twice world cham-race and needing overnight re-

> Zealanders only fifth equal with Australia and their 40-footer facing a protest from Easy Oars, and the United States second, everything is still open going into today's 200-mile Channel race.

Underwood

signs up

THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD



ACROSS 1 Most of autumn's taken to

- study bird (6)
 4 Make clear witchcraft's not allowed (5,3)
- 10 Money owed on bet about upper-class girl in Society? 11 Beginning to climb mound
- in freezing conditions (5)

 Riblical community against

 27 Explosive opening to gigi.e tingle with excitement 12 Biblical community against love and Church (7)
- 13 Composer upset by hail and mud (7) 14 Entrances a Test, striking
- 15 Swimmer curtailed jerky movement, suddenly becoming ordinary (8) 18 Repairman possibly mad about energy and central

heating (8)

- 20 Row about good opponent with considerable skill (5) 23 Collection of teeth noticed
- by journalist (7) 25 Independent purchasers, presumably academic
- 26 In formal surroundings, speak nothing rank (5)
- 29 Handsome man providing
- on reflection (6) DOWN Core of team means to follow vogue that's come

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to nothing (4,4)

- - ing rum (9)
- 28 Scotsman's crying "Hello!" excitement and lust, say,

- - Failed to win, though potting black and with a little hesitation, pink (7) Manipulator's work - get-ting into hot seat somehow
 - It'll mince road up badly, nothing less (9,5) Pub? See visit curtailed (5) Folded paper? I'm a type of cheque when turned
- The Parisian's apprehended in disturbance in Spanish city (6) Following a trend, group is into staying sober (2.3,9)
 Divorced editor swallow-
- 17 Centre of government in-volving Right and Left in public transport (8)
 19 Leave to travel round US state - not surrounding
- area (7) European Community get-ting involved in grain supply is affecting Mediterranean member (7)
- 22 Improper, we hear, to fol-low most of the crowd (6) 24 Covering top of head when diving into rising riv-

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Newcastle stop Beardsley move Attilio Lombardo's move to teenager Matthew Upson for rystal Palace is back on again, week after it looked to be "serious foul play". He did not realise he could be putting two

Football ALAN NIXON

Newcastle United have blocked Peter Beardsley's move to Bolton Wanderers because the England veteran is needed at St James' Park.

Kenny Dalglish, Newcastle's manager, has stopped the £500,000 transfer to the Premier League newcomers after losing Alan Shearer and Les Ferdinand and failing to sign a re-placement striker to play in their qualifying matches for the Champions' League, against Croatia Zagreb, this month.

It is a surprise change of fortune for Beardsley. He was reluctant to move but he had been told by Dalglish that his firstteam chances were limited and

However, Newcastle has already started scouting for the future and watched Ibrahim Bakayoko, a £4m-rated Ivory Coast striker, play for the French club Montpellier in an Inter-Toto Cup tie on Wednesday. Manchester United, Liv-erpool and Manchester City

was given permission to talk

Bolton's manager, Colin Todd.

are also interested in the player. United have abandoned their attempt to sign Celio Silva because he has been refused a work permit. United's manager, Alex Ferguson, thought two weeks ago he had pulled off the £3.5m signing of the defender from the Brazilian club, Corinthians, but now he has accepted he must give up on the

29-year-old, who has played six

Steve Coppell, said there was a misunderstanding over net and gross pay.

The referee who sent off two Arsenal players during the friendly match away to PSV Eindhoven on Wednesday, said the players had given him no alternative. "But if I had known how it was going to end I would have blown for time a minute

Crystal Palace is back on again.

a week after it looked to be

dead. Transfer talks collapsed

last week over the 31-year-old

Juventus winger's wage de-mands, but Palace's manager,

carlier. It was only a friendly after all," he said yesterday." Jan Wegereef sent off Patrick Vieira for kneeing a PSV player in the last minute, and moments later dismissed the side, on a free transfer.

of Arsène Wenger's players out of the Premiership for three games. "In Holland you will only get suspensions for friendly matches if you are cautioned or red-carded in a friendly," he Fifa yesterday deferred setting a transfer fee for Ronaldo

until September. "Inter Milan's offer and Barcelona's idea were too far apart, so Fifa decided not to make a proposal," a Fifa spokesman said. The matter will be left to a special committee in early September.

Norwich City have signed the 24-year-old Spanish defender Victor Segura from Lleida, the Spanish Second Division

for Bedford **Rugby Union** Rory Underwood has joined Bedford's campaign to gain promotion from the Second

ter with a testimonial. The 34-year-old wing, who is England's most capped player with 85 appearances, has decided to team up again with his former England and Lionmanager, Geoff Cooke, who is now chief executive at Bedford. Cooke said: "Rory has se-

Division - only four days after

ending his long career at Leices-

cured his place in English rugby history as the greatest wing three-quarter. Bringing a player of his experience here is a great bonus to the club."

Bedford also announced the signing of Alistair Murdoch, an Australian with Scottish parents who plays either centre or wing David Hinkins, a prop forward from Bristol, the Bridgend flanker Jason Forster, and centre Nick Smith, from Gloucester.

Llanelli have named the Welsh international Nigel Davies as their assistant coach to work with their director of coaching, Gareth Jenkins.

Doddie Weir said yesterday

he was very pleased with his progress after resuming training with Newcastle, having recovered from the injury which many feared would cost him his career. The Scotland and British Lions lock said: "I'm hoping to be fit for the opening league game of the season on 23 August - that's the target and if my

West Ham forge link with Southend

lowing the example set by Liverpool and Crewe by forging a 'special relationship".

Last season Crewe an-

nounced an agreement with Liverpool that eventually saw Danny Murphy move to Anfield for £1.5m. Liverpool also get first option on Gresty Road's young players, and that scenario may be repeated in the south-east, though the only initial manifestation will be West Ham playing their reserve fixtures at Roots

Season ticket holders from both clubs will be given free admission to West Ham's reserve games, with Southend recognising that many fans in Essex

mer, after Ronnie Whelan left the club following relegation to the Second Division. West Ham's managing direc-tor Peter Storrie said: "It's a relationship we see of being equal

mers defender Alvin Martin as

manager at Roots Hall this sum-

benefit to both clubs along the lines of that which exists between, for example, Liverpool and Crewe and which has worked to the advantage of The Premier League will not

be rushed into making public the long-awaited findings of their inquiry into so-called bungs. The Sports Minister, Tony Banks, had told the authorities to hurry up and publish the details of investigations into inducements paid during transfer deals, say-

ing, "The new season starts next

week and I still haven't seen the report." they will log every injury and record details of the circum-The findings are unlikely to be

published before the new season. kicks off, however. A spokesman for the Premier League said yesterday: "It is a full and thorough inquiry that's still ongoing and we hope to report in full as soon

The Football Association has launched a national survey to improve their understanding of injuries. They are concerned by long-term injuries to some of the game's leading players and will gather information from club physiotherapists over the next 18

"We have sent a questionnaire to every league club to be filled in by their medical staff," an FA spokesman, Steve Double, said. "The idea is that over 18 months

stances in which it occurred. We want to know how and where certain injuries happen and how they have been treated."

Eric Cantona, Diego Maradona and George Weah are to tackle racism in an all-star tournament this autumn. The trio will captain three teams at the event, which is being backed by the European Commission to publicise the European Year Against Racism. The international players' union, the AIFP, is organising the event, which will be held in Spain on 12 October. Each match will last 40 minutes.

Southampton's manager Dave Jones is raiding his old club Stockport County for a third time to sign their captain Mike time to sign their captain Mike | rehabilitation goes to plant | Flynn for a fee of around £1m. | there's no reason to doubt that."